

SANTA CLARA UNIT NEWSLETTER

December 2007

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Region 12 Rally – Las Vegas

The Region Rally in Las Vegas was probably one of the most memorable rallies in recent history. Combine a 4-star RV Park with 1st class entertainment in Vegas and you have the making of a great rally. Kathy and I along with members Jim and Kia Johnson and Ken and Judy Bechthold of Golden West Unit attended an evening show featuring Celine Dion. Other shows that we took advantage of were Menopause and Defending the Cave Man at the Hilton.

The weather in Las Vegas was excellent with the one exception of high winds late in the week. (Thanks to Connie and Carter Squires for putting up our awnings!)

Kathy, Kia, Cecelia, and Judy took full advantage of the water aerobics at the RV parks heated pool. Ken and I reveled in the hot tub during these workouts.

The Nevada Test Site tour was a big hit. Seventy-four Airstreamers attended and were treated to some amazing and historical sights. The docents had wonderful stories of the testing days and when asked about Area 51 which lay just north of the Test Site one docent replied, "It's there, I've worked to build it, I shook Gary Powers hand and that's all I can say."

The region 12 meeting presided by recently installed president Don Clark went well with several amendments introduced and passed by the executive board. One motion that was presented to the members was changing the wording of the constitution from 1st Lady to 1st Mate.

As always, the rally ended way too soon, and everyone headed home, no doubt looking forward to our next Region rally in Watsonville.

November's Rally

November's Kit Fox Rally in Patterson turned out to be a well attended with 22 rigs present. The host Unit, San Joaquin, did a great job. All the attendees helped celebrate the installation of new officers for the Santa Clara, Golden West, and San Joaquin Units.

Friday, some of the members took a drive to Santa Nella to tour the Korean War Memorial and the National Cemetery. With the rally weekend falling on Veterans Day, it made the visit very appropriate.

On Saturday, after the Unit meetings, activities ranged from playing Bocce Ball, relaxing, and visiting Toscano RV's new facility in Los Banos. The visit to Toscano's store turned into a shopping spree for both Eray Honeycutt and Jim Johnson. Since Eray rode with us to Toscano, I had to keep telling him I would need to get my pickup if he kept shopping!

One thing we noticed at Toscano was the huge selection of Airstreams on their lot. That huge selection was reduced by one rig that was purchased by members of the Santa Clara Unit (and no it wasn't Kathy and I). Congratulations to Hernan and Janiece Casanova on their purchase of a 25ft Airstream International!

On Saturday night presiding over the installation was Region 12 2nd VP Judy Bechthold. The following people were installed as officers on the Santa Clara Unit: Jack Hampel, President; Cecelia Stansbury, 1st VP; Eray Honeycutt, 2nd VP; Cecelia Stansbury, Recording Secretary; Kathy Hampel, Treasurer; and Bob Elliman and Mark Sode, Trustees.

After completion of the installation, the movie was "Ratatouille" that was an animated feature about a rat who turns into a gourmet chef. It was a cute movie and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Thanks Ken and Judy for supplying the equipment.

During the entire rally, our new Unit photographer, Carter Squires, was snapping away. Thanks Carter for taking on this task!

This rally was just another example of mutual cooperation between Golden West, Santa Clara, and the San Joaquin Units. Looking forward to joint rallies again in 2008!

By-Laws

The by-laws are finally completed and approved. We are looking to eliminate the blue three ring binder and replace it with an annually printed booklet. It was proposed at the last Unit meeting and approved. The booklets will be available the first of the year.

Airstream in the spotlight

Check out the December's issue of Trailer Life. There is an interesting article of a Toyota FJ cruiser towing a 23 ft Airstream Safari. It also appears that Trailer Life is now advertising Airstreams.

Idea's, Idea's, Idea's . . .

"What do you want out of Region 12"? "What would improve our Club"? These questions were asked of all Unit Presidents at the Region 12 annual meeting in Las Vegas. I'm asking all members of the Santa Clara Unit to send me your ideas on how to enhance our club. Please give this some thought and either call or email me with your suggestions.

DEC. & JAN. BIRTHDAYS

12/21	Barbara Vogt
12/21	Judy Bechthold
12/26	Dave Kaplow
12/31	Gary Meeker
01/16	Maureen Van Tuyl
01/19	Barbara Ireland
01/22	Debbie Freitas
01/23	Julie Matsushima
01/25	Peter Heylin
01/27	Geri Colwell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

12/03	Aldo & Agnes Pini
12/02	Dave & Roanne Kaplow
01/22	Danny & Debbie Freitas
01/29	Larry & Roxie Harshbarger

ROBERT'S RAMBLINGS

- As you have heard, the CASANOVAS have bought a new rig. Have you figured out the next part? They now have a 19' Bambi for sale. If you are interested phone: (408) 984-3763.
- Former members Neil and Betty CARROLL have an Airstream motorhome for sale. It is a 33' Land Yacht with a 454 gas engine. Asking \$25,000. Phone (408) 867-0379.
- Bob STANSBURY and Bob ELLIMAN traveled to the Santa Cruz fairgrounds in Watsonville to check out the facilities for the Region Rally in October of 2008. They also gathered a lot of information about things to do in the area.
- The CLARKS and FARINHAS enjoyed the Balloon Festival in New Mexico before they arrived at the Las Vegas rally. Ernie and Dot then left for a tour of Germany.
- It was great to see the FREITAS at the installation rally.
- On the way to Las Vegas, Jack HAMPEL was observed dusting his trailer in the middle of the Mojave Desert. Since the road was blocked for an hour while a big rig was on fire, Jack got out his duster and went to work on his 30 footer.
- Kathy HAMPEL did a magnificent job organizing the Nevada Test Site tour. Congrats!
- Arizona "desert rats" Larry and Roxie HARSHBARGER were a welcome sight in LV. It was great to hear Roxie's laugh booming across the RV resort.
- Eray HONEYCUTT was in Patterson minus any of the members of his pet menagerie. He resolved to never again come without them, as he was lonely.
- After leaving windy Las Vegas, Jim and Kia JOHNSON headed for four days of camping in Yosemite. They hit the perfect fall weather pattern and had a great time hiking and sight seeing.
- Gerry KOCHER has relocated to Houston, Texas. He is not sure he likes it and may return after a year. He hopes to hook up with a Texas unit while there.
- John LEGGETT has designed the logo for our 2008 region rally "Cruzin to the Coast." Mark your calendars for October 14th through the 19th.
- The MEEKERS and their Airstream Bubble made an appearance in LV. Gary is recovering well from his heart episode.
- "Vintage Aluminum" saleswoman, Wendy PAPULIAS, was in LV with a great looking vintage rig for sale.
- Agnes PINI and Lois STOLTENBERG were reunited in Patterson. They make up two members of the famous "3 Muscateleers" which includes "Arizona Roxie" when she is in Northern California.
- Mark and Debbie SODE showed off their new fancy rims on their trailer. They match the ones on their Dodge tow vehicle.
- Bob and Cecelia STANSBURY drove down to LV from their home in Carson City. Then they hopped on an airplane and went to San Antonio for an anniversary party. They returned in time to attend the region rally.
- Long time rally attendee Zachary STANSBURY died from a heart attack on October 27th. Bob and

Cecelia enjoyed their silver dappled dachshund for 12 years.

- Carter and Connie SQUIRES left LV and planned to head to Southern California but had to change plans because of the fires. They stopped in Bakersfield but the smoke was so bad they came on home.
- Our webmaster, Bob VAN TUYL has been in the hospital for the last month with a bone disease. Attempts to reach him have been unsuccessful.
- Many Santa Clara members met Warren WEINSTOCK'S new wife in LV. They will be taking up residence in Arizona and leaving our unit.
- Region 12 VP Judy BECHTHOLD and Ken visited the Sierra Nevada unit in Dayton, Nevada. The Nevadans have embarked on the restoration of a 42' Airstream that was made for railroad workers many decades ago.

REGION RALLY VOLUNTEERS

Well, get ready. Not only am I going to ask you to go to the rally, I am going to ask you to volunteer for a job. We will have many opportunities for you to expose your talents. Baked potato dinner, clean up, set up, parking, registration, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera. Many of you have already volunteered. I know that the Santa Clara unit will come through. 10/14/08 through 10/19/08. Don't forget. Thank you, in advance. RLS

BETABEL RV PARK RALLY

January 3-7, 2007

Hosted by Santa Clara Unit

Jim & Kia Johnson

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 @ \$33.00/per night \$ _____

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

SAT. Breakfast # ___ @ \$3.00 pp \$ _____

SAT. Dinner # ___ @ \$5.00 pp \$ _____

SUN. Breakfast # ___ @ \$3.00 pp \$ _____

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Make check payable to "Santa Clara Unit"

Mail by Dec. 17 to: Cecelia Stansbury

1565 Hopyard Road

Pleasanton, CA 94556

NOTE: Please put in your reservations early so that you don't forget in the Holiday rush. You don't want to miss this fun rally to start out 2008. Parking is on asphalt and near the club house so inclement weather should not be a problem.

BETABEL RV PARK
SAN JUAN BAUTISTA (SO. OF GILROY)
JANUARY 3-7, 2008
Hosts: Jim and Kia Johnson & Bob and Cecelia Stansbury

Thursday, January 3: 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 4

8:30 Breakfast on your own

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.

6:30 Dinner: Lasagna and French bread. Bring a side dish or dessert to share.

7:30 Social time/games/movie (whatever the group decides)

Saturday, January 5

8:30 Make your own egg burritos, fruit, juice and coffee

9:30 Unit Meeting (each group can decide on which time they want to conduct their meeting if having one)

10:00 Unit 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 Pork Loin – Bring side dishes or dessert to share

7:00 Quiz Game -- easy but fun [it's a surprise] (bring a wrapped white elephant -- something sitting around your house you don't want -- they'll be the prizes)

Sunday, January 6

8:30 Overnight French Toast and Smoky Bacon Wraps, fruit, juice, and coffee

Time for more exploring of the area or the Gilroy outlet malls (a Stansbury favorite)

1:00 Lunch on your own

4:00 Happy Hour

6:00 Leftovers

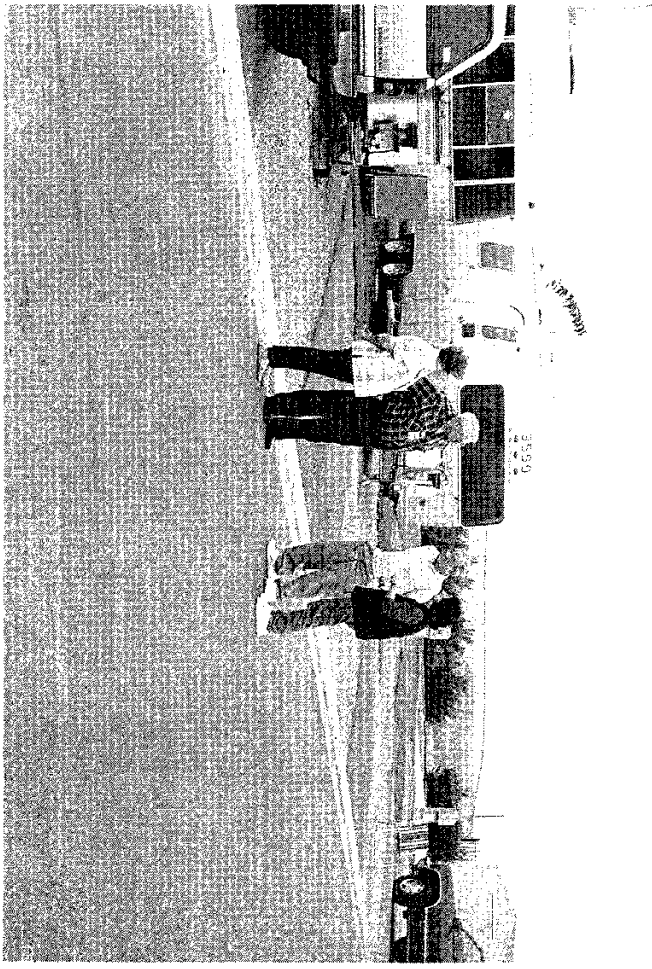
7:00 Games and Socializing

Monday, January 7

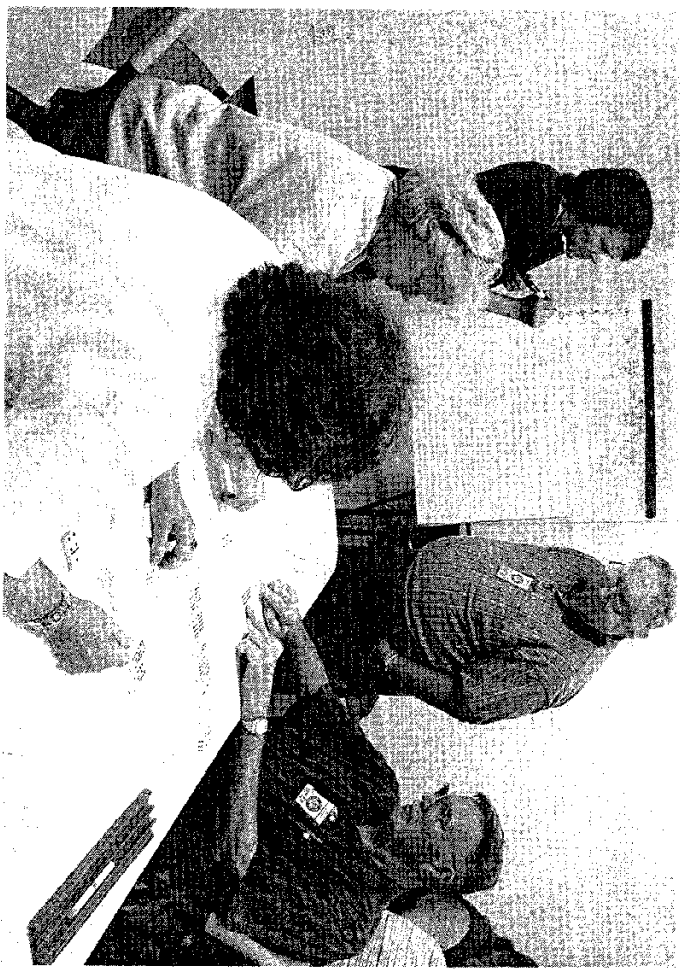
8:30 Toast, Peanut Butter, and Jam, juice and coffee

Pack up for home

Agnes! Your Hair Got Dark



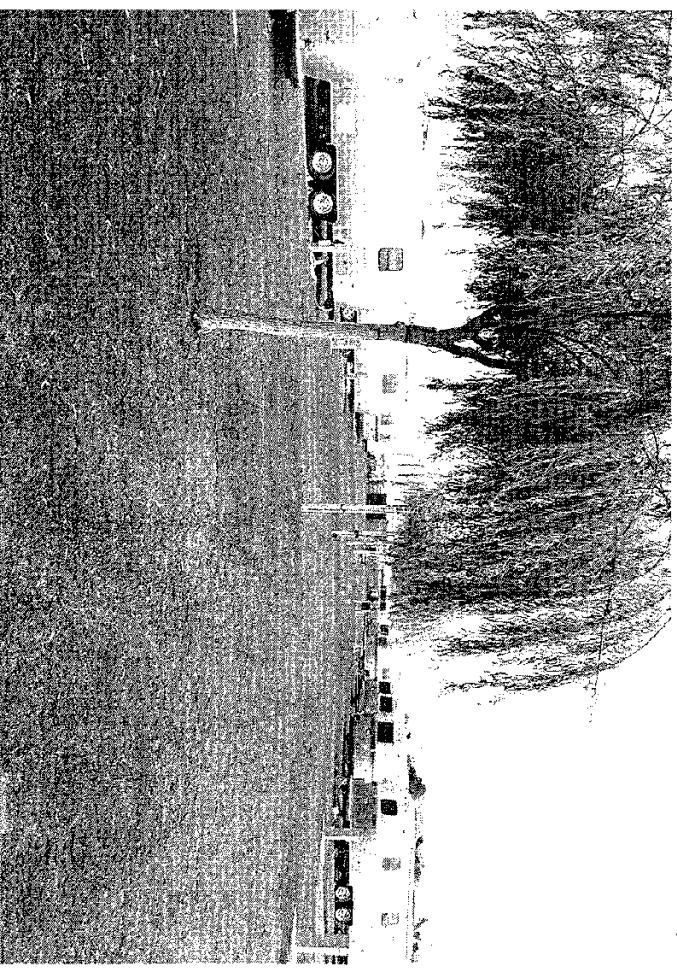
Judy Adding Up Mark Sode's Winnings



Is There A Game Judy Doesn't Like?



13 Rolls of Aluminum Foil!



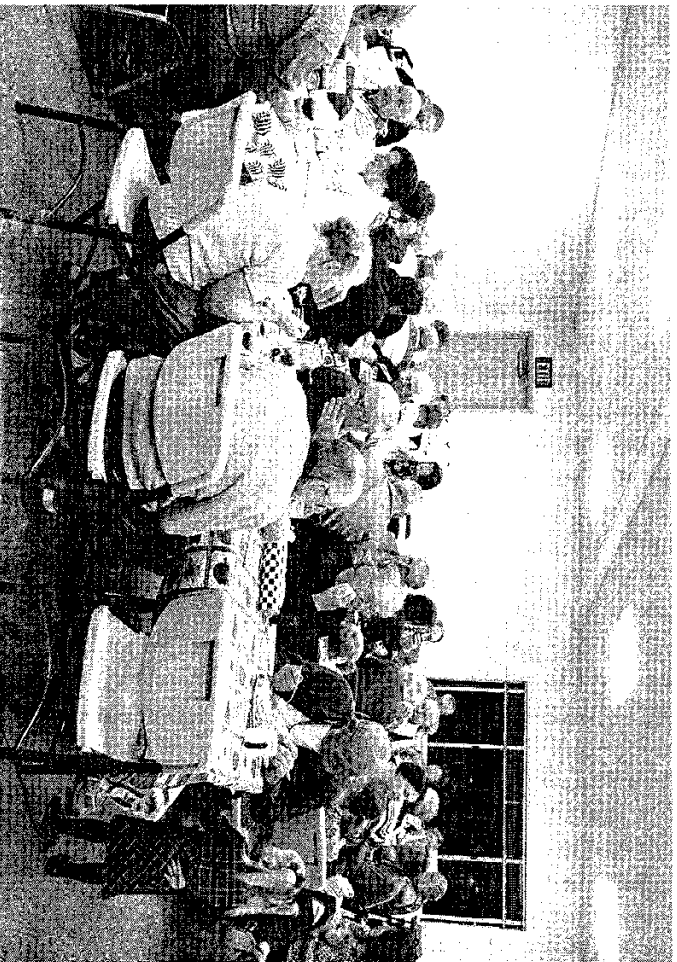
Who Cares About RV's, 'Let's Eat!'



Untrustworthy Trustees



Evelyn Asks For Seconds



Joker With Marbles, It's Safer That Way

