



# Santa Clara Silver Bulletin

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## President's Report

The November installation rally was very well attended by all three units, some coming with trailers, a few Saturday drop ins, and even trailer sitters. Bob and I were honored to be asked to watch Jim and Shari Gong's trailer (Golden West members) while they attended the 49er game.

The weather was very cooperative and we had some very enjoyable outdoor happy hours along with a fun hot dog barbeque on Sunday afternoon prior to sending off those who had to work on Monday or had other commitments.

On Saturday night Don Clark, Region 12 President, assisted by Judy Bechthold, Region 12 Second VP, installed next year's officers for all three units. We had such good attendance at the installation and dinner that we had to even add some tables (47 attendees that night). Due to job schedules, Judy and Ken Bechthold, Golden West members and affiliates of our unit, drove all the way from Woodland on Saturday morning, accompanied by the 1<sup>st</sup>, "First Lady" of the Golden West unit, Marian Bechthold, to attend the installation.

Besides the installation, games and visiting were popular activities each evening and on Sunday night, the remaining group enjoyed the movie, "Bucket List." I, personally, enjoyed relearning the card game, "Hand and Foot."

Jack Hampel held his last meeting as President on Saturday morning. One of the most important topics of discussion at that meeting was the suggestion of defraying some of the parking fees costs for members attending rallies. After some discussion, it was decided that the board would investigate the past costs and bring back a recommendation to the members at the January meeting.

I want to thank all the members for giving me the opportunity to be your President for the next year. I wish all of you a very happy Holiday season and hope to see as many of you as possible at the January rally which will be hosted by our unit. The Dodge's are working hard to ensure that everyone has a good time at the first rally they will host since joining this past year. See you next year.

Cecelia Stansbury  
President



# Past President's Report

Well, we did it! All the planning and preparation for the rally one year prior came to fruition the week of October 14 – 19 at the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds in Watsonville.

Upon our arrival at the fairgrounds, the rally parking committee headed up by San Fernando member Ray Leedham had already arrived along with members from both Santa Clara and Golden West in charge of decorations, registration, and table set-up.

Monday morning's plan on setting up for the rally ran into a glitch. The day turned out to be Columbus Day with the fairground employees' persona non gratia. Fortunately, one member of the fairgrounds staff happened to show up and not only unlocked the building to be used for the rally but fork-lifted in several pallets of tables and folding lattice in order for Karen Walton and helpers to work their magic for decorating.

Karen Walton shopped till she dropped providing toy ship centerpiece decorations which were given away at the end of the rally. Connie Squires out did herself with the signs and bulletin boards which provided a wealth of information about the area's attractions. Clarence and Doris Dorsett provided a number of beautiful ship models to add to the seagoing ambience.

Debbie Sode did a terrific job not only with providing great door prizes but producing registration buttons and goodie bags for all the rally participants. Peter and Janet Walde did their part setting up tables and chairs. Dot and Ernie Farinha organized tables for the Swap-N-Sell. Jim Johnson assisted with electrical and water hook-ups, with Kathy Hampel and Cecelia Stansbury handling registration. Dale and Nancy Harrington of the Golden

West Unit did rig counts everyday and Dale was up at 6 a.m. helping yours truly with coffee.

Tuesday night started the rally with a flag ceremony and opening remarks by rally chair and MC Bob Stansbury. After a wonderful baked potato dinner and a comedian for entertainment, the first round of door prizes were awarded.

Wednesday's cooking class with Connie Squires started out with five people signed up and ended with 40 people in attendance. Needless to say, Connie's microwave recipes were a hit. I know because I did some sampling!

The Unit Officers and prospective Unit Officers workshop lead by Region 12 President, Don Clark, attempted to focus and identify ways in which to recruit and retain members in the Club. Two tours to a local glass factory, a nautical costume and trailer decorating contest and bingo rounded out the day.



## Past President's Report Continues

The remainder of the week was filled with various activities. A trailer backing class, indoor games, tours of the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk, Bird Watching tour, and wonderful musical performance by rally chair and MC Bob Stansbury.

Friday's activities included San Joaquin's well received chicken dinner followed by a Rock band concert whose lead guitar player was the daughter of a Monterey unit member. Some members then enjoyed the movie, "Blast from the Past." Race car fans were in heaven as the oval race track at the fairgrounds came to life with the roar of dozens of sprint cars.

The rally's main activities concluded with a terrific turnout for the Roaring Camp Train and BBQ on Saturday. IBT recording secretary Carolyn Florence presented to the members a presentation regarding the state of WCCCI. Comments made by both Carolyn and her husband Ron were extremely positive about the members' attitudes and over-all friendliness.

During the Santa Clara's Unit meeting, members unanimously endorsed Region 12 President Don Clark for his run for the position of International 3<sup>rd</sup> VP. A letter was sent out from our Unit to Jerry Collins in support of Don.

One issue that really showed what Air-streamers are all about was performed by new member Patrick Nolan. On Friday, Golden West member Melva Anderson injured her leg. On Saturday, Pat missed going on the Roaring Camp Train in order to take Melva to the hospital to receive

medical care. Hats off to Patrick Nolan for caring for another member.

The slate of officers nominated at the rally was voted on without opposition. At the November rally the slate will be installed and I hope everyone can make it to the rally hosted by the San Joaquin Unit. Don Clark will be installing the new officers.

On a final note, I would like to thank the members of the Santa Clara Unit for their support in my two years as President. The Unit has grown and with Golden West and San Joaquin Units joining in, our rallies have been both memorable and enjoyable. Many thanks to all.



Jack Hampel  
Past President



Cecelia and Bob Stansbury enjoying dinner

## Robert's Rules of Order

Jack Hampel was the best guide we could have had at the Castle Air Force Base Museum.

Kathy cracked up when we sang "Hit the road Jack!" to her husband at the installation event that night.

Bob and Cecelia Stansbury left their rig in Ptown and babysat Jim and Shari's 28 footer in Delhi.

The Gongs and Midas went to the Bay Area for a 49er game.

Patrick Nolan headed for Los Banos after the rally. He was going to stop at Toscano's and check out the large stock of "new" Airstreams there. He said it was time to invest several thousands of dollars in his rig or buy a new one.

Chuck and Babs Stimmel put on another great rally with the help of several members. Did you know Bab's real name is Adelaide? There's a shocker.

Dale and Nancy Harrington happily turned over the President's gavel and several boxes to new President, Melva Anderson of Murphy's, California.

Roberta Hogan will be returning to her Winter environs soon. She will once again take up her position with the Ski Patrol at Sierra Summit Ski Resort, northeast of Fresno.

A friend of Karen Walton's invited her over to select any jewelry that she had recently inherited. She knew that Karen is a sucker for "Bling" of any kind. When Karen was through, she had acquired several thousands of dollars worth of trinkets for no charge. Jim

just has to find a space to put it in their trailer.

The Meeker's and their Airstream Bubble made it to Delhi. They're both retired educators from CSU Sacramento. His health seems good as he is recovering from a recent cardiac event.

Bob and Maureen Elliman were deported after two months in the UK. They found their way back to our rallies. We missed them and they returned with many funny stories. They are glad to be seeing the sun again.

Don and Jan Clark will be bouncing around California like two billiard balls for the next couple of months. Next year they will head to Texas for the winter WBCCI meeting and then bounce back to the Hobo Rally in Blythe.

Eray Honeycutt's dog Viva passed away and he brought his new dog. It is a beautiful, white, standard poodle.

Ed and Linda Dodge met with Cecelia Stansbury and did some more planning on the January Rally. Linda has obtained discount coupons for use at the Gilroy Outlet Mall.



# Robert's Rules of Order Continues

As usual, Ernie and Dot Farinha visited a few local garage sales on Saturday morning. Dorothy was seen wearing a pair of attractive, dress shoes that evening at the Installation Dinner. They were a \$5.00 purchase that was made that morning.

Don't forget to check out the movie "Four Christmases." Bill and Helen Meany's one year old grandchildren are the stars, along with Reece Witherspoon.

Aldo Pini was once again captivated by a jigsaw puzzle and was successfully putting it together. We miss Agnes but are so glad that we still get to see Aldo.

Once again, Clarence and Doris Dorsett provided great table decoration for our event. They are also garage sale enthusiasts in Santa Rosa.

Mark and Debbie Sode were both installed on the governing board. Mark is a returning Trustee and Debbie is 1st VP.

Hernan and Janiece Casanovas are starting to never miss a rally. Once again the beautiful red Toyota truck arrived with the new 25' trailer. Say a little prayer that Hernan's foot continues to heal.

We were so glad to see Peter and Janet Walde in Delhi. We see them at International rallies more than locally. They were a huge help at the Region Rally.

Bert and Nellie Byam came down for the day to tour Castle Air Museum where Bert used to work. Nellie told me she picked a bag of sweet potatoes out of a harvested field. That was enough for me. I got a bag also and they were great on Thanksgiving.



# Having fun at Watsonville and Merced



# General Information



## Birthday's

### October

24 Kia Johnson  
24 Ed Dodge  
25 Hernan Casanovas  
27 Judy Kleiman  
28 Millie Weinstock  
31 Ernie Farinha

### November

04 Bill Meaney  
08 Larry Harshbarger  
09 Wendy Papulias  
10 Ken Bechthold  
19 Aldo Pini  
20 Jennie Barbarno  
23 Kathy Hampel  
26 Bob Elliman

### December

01 Jim Walton  
11 Linda Dodge  
21 Barbara Vogt  
21 Judy Bechthold  
26 Dave Kaplow  
31 Gary Meeker  
31 Karen Walton  
31 Richard Kleiman

### January

16 Heather Bree  
16 Maureen Van Tuyl  
19 Barbara Ireland  
22 Debbie Freitas  
23 Julie Matsushima  
25 Peter Heylin  
26 Loren Sederquist  
27 Geri Colwell  
31 Marty Ireland



## Anniversaries

### October

29 Mark and Debbie Sode

### November

11 Ed and Linda Dodge  
20 Dal and Lois Stoltenberg

### December

02 Dave and Roanne Kaplow  
23 Jim and Shari Gong

### January

22 Loren and Raenelle Sederquist  
22 Danny and Debbie Freitas  
29 Larry and Roxie Harshbarger



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## **Peterson Automotive Museum**

In Los Angeles, they have an exhibit running from June 28, 2008 to February 8, 2009 called "From Autocamps to Airstreams; The early Road to Vacationland." Our new members' rig, Vince and Karen Martinico, is at least one of the Airstreams featured at the entrance. It might be something to go check out; I know Kathy and I will be making a trip down. Check out the website at; [www.petersen.org/](http://www.petersen.org/)

**Don't forget to sign up for the  
Betabel Rally happening  
January 8th - 12th, 2009.  
Contact Cecelia Stansbury  
(925) 200-4360**

# Upcoming Rally Schedule

Date	Place	Host Unit & Rally Type
January 8 - 12, 2009	Betabel RV Park San Juan Bautista	Santa Clara
February 9 - 15, 2009	Hobo Rally Blythe, CA	Region 12
March 20 - 23, 2009	49er RV Ranch Columbia, CA	Golden West
April 16 - 20, 2009	Bodega Bay RV Park, Bodega Bay, CA	Santa Clara
April 16 - 20, 2009	Bass Lake Near Fresno CA	San Joaquin
May 14 - 18, 2009	Visalia/Fresno South KOA Visalia, CA	San Joaquin
May 29 - 31, 2009	Kit Fox RV Park Patterson, CA	Santa Clara Apricot Fiesta Parade
June 11 - 15, 2009	Brannon Island KOA (formally Delta Bay) Isleton, CA	Golden West Buddy Rally
June 28 - July 4, 2009	Int'l Rally Madison Wisconsin	International
August 13 - 17, 2009	Gold Strike Village San Andreas, CA	Santa Clara Grandkids Rally
Sept 17 - 21, 2009	Merced River RV Park Delhi, CA	San Joaquin Buddy Rally
Oct 15 - 18, 2009	Fair Park, Santa Maria CA	San Fernando Unit
Nov 12 - 16, 2009	Kit Fox RV Park Patterson, CA	Golden West Installation Rally
TBD	Rose Parade, Special Event Pasadena, CA	Region 12

