

MATTERHORN

Alpine SoCal Newsletter

An FMCA Chapter

Rally Information

Jun 1-6 NorCal/SoCal
Rally, Paso Robles, CA
Pat & Marcella Mayfield,
Bob and Helena
Mazzocco

SOLD OUT Jul 15-Aug
15, 2023, ACA-Tom Polk's
Bucket List 30-Day
Caravan to Churchill,
Manitoba, Canada Tom &
Nancy Polk & Norm &
Beth Cannon

Aug 23-26, 2023 FMCA
107th Intl Cone CAM-
Plex, Gillette, WY FMCA

Sep 5-10, 2023,
NoWACA/ACA Joint
Rally, American Falls, ID
Call Michaela at
208-226-7700

Sep 6-10, 2023, ACA-
Mackinaw, MI Rally
Tom Cook 231-920-2606

SOLD OUT Sep 12-17,
2023, SoCal/NorCal Rally,
Bend, OR/Sisters Garden
RV Resort. Scott & Marcia
Hicks & Pat & Marcella
Mayfield 541-549-3021

President's Message



From our president, Scott Hicks,

I'm pleased to introduce Helen Hillix, with this, her first Matterhorn newsletter for our club. Helen and James are relatively new members, who attended their first SoCal rally at Pala in '21. Please thank her next time you see them at a future rally.

Marcia and I skipped a trip south this year and endured the Oregon rainy winter from home. From what I hear, weather wasn't dramatically different in S. Cal. My sister-in-law tells me it's the new Oregon at her home in LA! Hopefully, this was a one year anomaly, as we intend to snowbird next season.

Nov 5-10 Pechanga RV
Resort, Temecula, CA.
SoCal Mike and Donna
Hambarian
GRBGMIKE@aol.com

Helen Hillix, James
Feathers
feathersjr@gmail.com,
helen@helenhillix.com

Feb 1-Mar 15, 2024. IN
NEED OF WAGON
MASTER & DESTINATION.
TBD CA, SoCal/NorCal

Mar 20-23, 2024 FMCA
108th Convention Pima
County Fairgrounds,
Tucson, AZ FMCA

Apr 18-23, 2024 Napa
Expo RV Park WAGON
MASTERS NEEDED. Napa,
CA SoCal/NorCal

Sep 3-15, 2024 Wishon
Village RV Park TENTATIVE
DATES. 5 Nights Shaver
Lake, CA SoCal with ACA
Tom & Patty Dietrich
tpdietrich@sbcglobal.net

Oct 18-Nov 18 Pismo
Coast Village TENTATIVE
DATES...WAGON
MASTERS NEEDED Pismo
Beach, CA SoCal/NorCal

Our rallies seem to be selling out. First, Tom Polk's Bucket List rally filled up, then my Sister's Oregon fall rally sold out within 5 days of posting! Maybe it was the rain and snow in this very unusual winter. In any case, it is exciting to see so many excited to rally in '23. Take a look to the left, for the SARC report detailing all upcoming opportunities.

Our semi-annual election cycle comes around again this fall, as we look to fill important vacancies on our board of directors. I am happy to report that several board members are staying on in their current roles, but we do need three volunteers to join the board for the '24-'25 term. After an amazing long run as VP/SARC, Bill Figge is stepping out at the end of this year. Please show your appreciation in an email or phone call for all that he's done for SoCal over the years. That being said, we need a person to lead the rally committee. Contact Bill to learn more about what the job entails.

Tom Polk graciously stepped in to fill the current second year of FMCA National Director. He and Nancy will be attending the Gillette, WY convention on our behalf this summer. Contact Tom to learn more about being a National Director, and consider throwing your hat into the ring. Thirdly, the office of President is available, as I step out of that role end of this year. If you're thinking you'd have to be a member for years, to ascend to president – think again! I accepted the position at only my second rally with the club! Give me a call to learn how you too, can be president. Remember, our club prospers due to the members who lead rallies, and serve on the board

SARC 1st Quarter 2023

By Debbie Lacy, SARC

Happy Spring to you all from your SARC Committee.

The calendar says Spring, but the weather we are having sure doesn't feel like Spring, but I'm sure it's coming any day now.

We are looking forward to the Paso Robles Rally coming up the 1st of June, watch for details and registration forms in the near future.

We are working hard on planning rallies for 2024. We have added Napa Expo Fairgrounds and Pismo Coast Village to the schedule. If you are interested in hosting one of those rallies or a location you are interested in, 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 included a copy of the Rally Schedule in the newsletter.

Happy travels and we look forward to seeing you on the road.

Here then, are your board members, with end dates:

Scott Hicks, president ('23); Janet McNeill, 1st VP/ membership ('25); Susan Vargo, treasurer ('25); Bill Figge, VP/SARC (rallies) ('23); Stephanie Archer, SARC ('23); Linda Matthews, SARC ('25); Debbie Lacy, SARC ('23); Tom Polk, FMCA director ('23); Helen Hillix, newsletter ('24); Helena Mazzocco, Secretary ('25); Jim Archer, website ('25). Tom Polk, FMCA director ('23); Helen Hillix, newsletter ('24); Helena Mazzocco, Secretary ('25); Jim Archer, website ('25).

When you see someone, please thank them for their service to our club.

Have a great Spring! See you soon at a rally or two!

Scott

Membership Report

By Janet Prodanovich, 1st VP Membership

Membership is holding at 58 members. Please remember that the \$15/year membership fee is due in June. Feel free to renew for multiple years!



Tom Polk's Bucket List Caravan

To Churchill, Manitoba, Canada 7/15/23-8/16/23

The caravan has been sold out for months, but we (Tom & Nancy Polk, Norm & Beth Cannon) are still working on the final details of the trip. Most of the RV parks and venues that were booked a year to two years ago are just opening for the season. We are in the process of reconfirming each location and venue for the caravan.

It has been somewhat of a challenge dealing with rate exchange between the US and Canada, and then some of the locations are cash only. We are working on adding a few more paid venues to the trip. The members attending will even get more bang for their buck than was originally advertised.

The planning of this trip was unusual because instead of picking the location to start the trip, we picked the best date to be in Churchill, Manitoba to see 3000 Beluga whales calving. This date was chosen in the summer of 2021. From this date and location, we worked in both directions to plan my 33-day bucket list trip,

A side note; several of the Caravan attendees are going to the FMCA Convention in Gillette, WY. All have signed up for the 50-amp Full Hook-ups and are volunteering to drive "activity carts" at the convention. If you wish to join us, we are parking as a group on Sunday, August 20, 2023. Here is the link to register:

<https://www.fmca.com/fmca-gillette-2023-learn-more>

Tom Polk



Ramona ACA Rally January 18-24, 2023

Photos by Sheryl Arnold. Text by Helen Hillix

Trying something new this year as a dry camping alternative to Quartzite, the group chose Ramona, CA, as their winter rally. And, a good time was had by all, even though it was a cold, wet winter around these parts! The warmth of the community fireplace, the warm hearts and the many activities created a cozy atmosphere. Raiford & Sheryl Arnold were the wagonmasters and the co-wagonmasters were Dave & Catheren Murray and Dean & Susan Vargo. All of them did a fantastic job of organizing this event, offering delicious food, a variety of daily events and outings.

Ramona has spectacular beauty and is so close to San Diego that the group truly had the best of both worlds. The schedule included line dancing classes, rock mosaic classes (see photos), a van to the Embarcadero (complete with trolley trip to all the sites, including the famous Coronado Island), trips to Julian to try the incomparable apple pie and the camel dairy just up the road. And no trip to Ramona would be complete without playing golf at the renowned course at Mr. Woodson.

Catered food included Italian, Mexican, pancake breakfasts, pot roast and chicken piccata, pizza and donuts. What else could anyone want?!

Let your voice be counted if you'd like to have the next year's dry camping rally be in Ramona again or if you have another suggestion.



17 Days of Fun/Camaraderie & 3 Minutes of Total Darkness

April 5, 2024 to April 22, 2024

Jan Sandmire & Tom Polk are working on an ACA rally that will put the attendees in the “**Path of Totality**”. They will be one of the lucky few to witness a total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. The rally starts in Johnson City, TX. After six days it moves to New Braunfels, TX for five days. The last stop for six days will be on the gulf at Port Aransas, TX.

Mark your Calendars Now & look for the rally flyer in December 2023. I think this will be a sell out like the Caravan was.

Tom Polk

