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## The President's Message:

**Joe Darling**

What a great summer... fun-filled rallies, traveling to various parts of our great country, visiting family and friends and enjoying the incredible comfort of our Alpine Coaches.

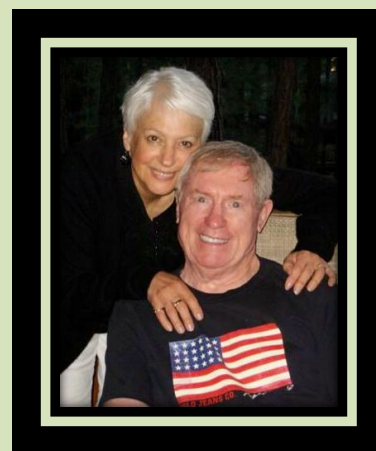


Micki and I have spent the summer in Show Low, located in the White Mountains of Arizona at 7,000 feet and right in the middle of the largest stand of Ponderosa Pine in the world. The AZ Fish and Game stock all lakes and streams with trout on a weekly basis all summer and the fishing is great. We have a canoe with a trolling motor which makes it very easy to fish the lakes and get into those hard-to-reach places.



The weather this summer has been nearly perfect, as we have enjoyed a great monsoon season which gave us rain nearly every afternoon and evening making the forests much safer for all to enjoy. Hiking is a great pastime as

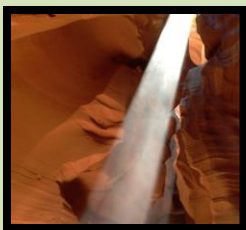
there are hundreds of trails laid out by the forest service and others offering some great trails and mountain climbing for skills of all levels. Our location is such that many of Arizona's natural wonders are located no more than a day's drive away.



**Shortly, all SoCal members** will be receiving copies of our By-Laws and Standing Rules with all of the necessary changes made to bring our operating rules up to date. Please read and if you find all in order please sign off with your approval ASAP so we may publish and send off to FMCA.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and start making your plans for our next rally in Pismo Beach.

**Antelope Slot Canyon, Page, AZ**

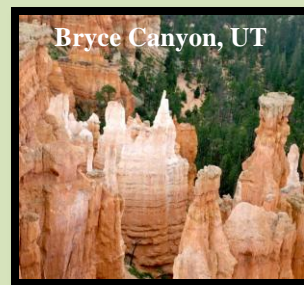


**The Grand Tetons**



**Zion Nat'l Park, UT**

**Arches Nat'l Park, UT**



**Bryce Canyon, UT**

**Greetings from the SwansNest!** August travels are now just a memory and fall will soon be upon us! We left home July 18 for the great North West to see family, have some work done on the APEX, share some camaraderie with fellow Alpiners, and to fulfill our responsibilities for FMCA and the Governing Board! As I write, we are making our way towards home having completed our goals!

We spent about a week with our son's family in Newberg, celebrating a grandson's 19th birthday & welcoming the 23 & 16 year old grandsons home from Europe. Our 14 year old granddaughter & 11 year old grandson had spent 10 days in July for a special time with us in Southern CA.

We next went to Motion Windows (Peninsula Windows) in Vancouver, WA and had our windows replaced! We are simply delighted with the new windows! Our 10' window is now 3 pieces of glass - 5' in the middle and 2.5' sliders on each side. Bobby Vodden in Junction City installed Shades in Motion window covers before we started home and "oh my goodness" what a difference in temperature exchange they make!!!!

We went to Hood River and visited Apex friends, Clyde & Jeri Hobbs, and had a great time with them - picking blueberries and peaches from their orchard. Jeri sent peaches down to the Portland ACA Pre-Rally so that everyone could have several peaches in their Welcome bag! Tom & Nancy Polk and Vic & Wilma Egg co-hosted a really great rally at the Portland Fairview RV Park. That is a great park to stay at when you are in the Portland area. Over 1/2 of the Attendees were from NoWaca and 1/3 from SoCal - the Easterners and Mid-Westerners were greatly missed!

On to Redmond and we had about 37 Alpine coaches caravan into the Volunteer area of the fairgrounds. We all agreed that Volunteering was the best way to do a Convention and we all had lots of fun driving the Handicap Carts!



**NOW for the FMCA news** -- The Governing Board convened on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 in Redmond, Oregon. There were 252 National Directors present which just barely constituted a quorum of 53%. However, 80% of the Western National Directors were in attendance!!!



Less than 1500 Family Coaches were registered.... which was way down from the 2,000 coaches expected. Including the Exhibit Coaches and Dealer Coaches, there might have been 1,800 coaches on the fairgrounds.

FMCA continues on a positive financial trend and the balance sheet remains strong as we are operating under budget. *The combined 2015 Budget is \$7,735,757. 00.*

Membership Corporation of America has been retained by FMCA to develop a Marketing Plan for increase & retention of members! Although the rate of membership attrition has decreased over a 3 year history, we still have a loss. The end of May, our FMCA membership was 76,397.

The Governing Board accepted the recommendation of the FMCA Executive Board to provide Medical Evacuation Insurance with Seven Corners, to be contracted for a minimum of three (3) years and to be paid for the first year out of the FMCA Reserve Investment account. For International Travel Insurance see: <http://mail.fmca.com/join-family-motor-coach-association/member-benefits/3226-fmca->

[international-travel-insurance.html](#)

A new possible benefit is being investigated by the Board to offer Road Side Assistance through KOA. All of the prior Benefits are still current but the Mail Forwarding program is being outsourced for cost savings! Check the FMCA website for a complete list of benefits!

**Pending successful contract negotiations, the tentative schedule for FMCA Conventions through 2018:**

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>2016 Winter - Perry, GA</b>  | <b>Summer - Syracuse, NY</b>     |
| <b>2017 Winter - Pomona, CA</b> | <b>Summer - Indianapolis, IN</b> |
| <b>2018 Winter - Perry, GA</b>  | <b>Summer - Gillette, WY</b>     |

So schedule your travel plans accordingly and let's have a strong SoCal representation at these FMCA Conventions. Also, please plan to join us at the ACA Pomona FMCA Pre-Rally in Castaic. It isn't too early to Register and make your plans to attend this great Rally (you can always trust Mary & Carolyn to make it GREAT!).

Wherever you travel, be safe, stay healthy and have fun!

**Carolyn Swan, FMCA National Director**





# MEMBERSHIP...

*Mary Langord's Input on FMCA Reunion in Redmond, Oregon*

First of all, it was great to see eight (8) of our Alpine SoCal coaches in Redmond. It's outings and participation of this magnitude that make our organization such an enjoyable part of our RV lifestyle.



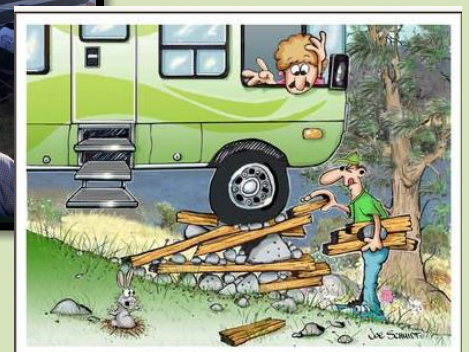
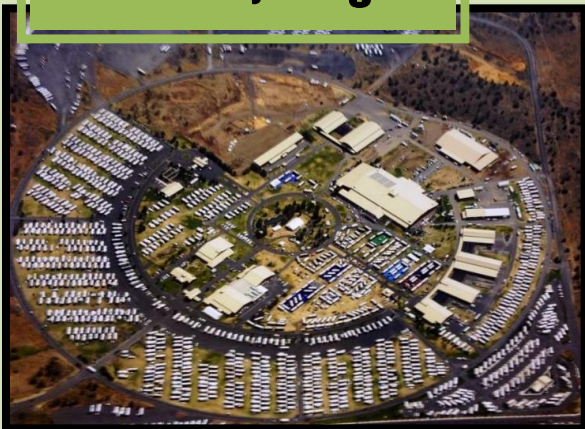
The weather wasn't perfect, as we had quite a bit of rain the first couple of days. Joel and I welcomed the rain until we discovered a major leak above my side of the bed, "naturally". Well, if you're going to discover a new problem, the best place to do it is at an FMCA Rally, The WMHA Rally in Indio, or the ACA Quartzsite Rally. Money aside, help is nearby with one of the participating vendors. In our case, new toppers over the bedroom slide-outs seem to have assured me of a "dry" night's sleep.

In addition to visiting the eight SoCal coaches in Redmond, Joel and I made it to the Pre-Rally at Fairview for a short visit with the *Swans* to work on the upcoming Pre-Rally prior to the FMCA Reunion in Pomona. The Pre-Rally will be in Valencia, March 19-24, 2015. While at Fairview RV, I got to see *Marie Murphy* and pick up our Alpine SoCal flags that she had made for us. "Thank You" Marie! They are beautiful and I'm sure our new members will enjoy them. Hopefully, all of our current members have flags. If for some reason you do not, please let me know. It's nice to see them proudly displayed when we gather at rallies.

Our membership is holding at 70. However, there are still a few "travelers" who have not yet gotten me their dues or renewal fees. I trust that as soon as they return to a place of convenience, their checks will be forthcoming.

I also want to say "Thanks" to *Tom Polk* and *Willie Egg* for all of the hard work that goes into making rallies a roaring success, and a "thank you" to all of the generous Alpine volunteers! ACA, you made us all proud to be Alpiners!

## Redmond, Oregon

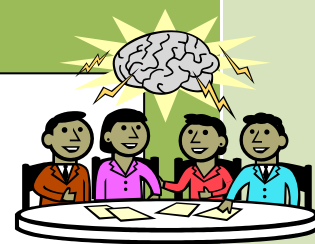


Leveling the RV!



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**Go Alpine!**



## 2015 Desert Rat Rally, Quartzsite AZ

Wednesday, Jan 14th thru Tuesday, Jan 20th (but you can stay as long as you like...)

The Quartzsite's annual RV & Sports Show runs Jan 17th (Sat), thru Jan 25th (Sun)

We will meet at the usual spot on Plomosa Road, Qzite, AZ. There will be a golf outing, Jeeping, a big Gearhead session, Margarita Nite!!, & etc. This is dry camping in the Sonoran Desert, with our fun and adventurous Alpine buddies.



We will send out an official-ish agenda soon announcing the cheap, cheap, cheap rally fee, and the fun, fun, fun activities that you don't have to attend if you don't want, but we hope you do.

See you all there,

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## Mary's Musings...by Mary Langord

Joel and I joined *Harvest Hosts* a couple of years ago. We had attended their seminar while attending the WMHA Rally in Indio. *Harvest Hosts* is a network of wineries, farms and agri-tourism sites that invite self-contained RVers to visit and dry camp overnight for free. Their members have the opportunity to travel to new areas and enjoy unique experiences throughout the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Here is a reprint from their website, [www.harvesthosts.com](http://www.harvesthosts.com) that explains the philosophy and approach to *Harvest Hosts*: *"Harvest Hosts is the culmination of years of travel and observation by us, Kim and Don Greene. We are avid travelers who have visited over 70 countries together over the last 20 years and have logged over 100,000 miles in two different motorhomes over the past decade. We learned and benefited so much from our travels that in 2000, we founded the educational non-profit organization, Adventure Learning Foundation (ALF).*

*On our most recent journey across Europe, we discovered a variety of networks that allow motorhomes and campers to park overnight at wineries and farms for free. We learned that one of the networks, France Passion, had been running for sixteen years and yet this concept had never made its way to the USA.*

*When we began contacting wineries and farms here, we received support from the businesses as well as from members of the RV and motorhome community. Thus, after much work, we are very pleased to open Harvest Hosts to annual (12 month) membership subscriptions."*

Our personal experiences at participating Hosts have been fabulous. We've gotten to see new areas off the beaten paths, have discovered new vineyards, had private tastings and tours with the owner/winemakers and have stayed at several fruit and vegetable venues. Preparing dinner is easier with a wide array of locally grown "goodies" to choose from, as well as a

nice bottle of wine from a nearby winery if you've planned your trip well...

Soon after joining, we dry camped overnight at Jaxon Keys Winery, [www.jaxonkeys.com](http://www.jaxonkeys.com), in Hopland, CA, a very picturesque vineyard setting. As usual, I had to take several pictures of the vineyard and surrounding area. I chose one of my favorites featuring our Alpine to post on the Harvest Host website.

Several months later, I received an email from Kim at *Harvest Hosts* asking my permission to use my picture in their booth at various rallies. Hey, that was neat, so I gave permission and enjoyed seeing "my" picture at rallies where *Harvest Hosts* was participating.

Well, the story got better just recently when I received another email saying that my picture had been chosen by **RV Gazette**, a Canadian RV Publication, for their cover: [www.rvgazette.com](http://www.rvgazette.com). Their upcoming magazine has a featured article on *Harvest Hosts*, so take a gander if you have a chance. Oh, and don't forget to enjoy the cover. :) Just Joking! ( *We have a published photographer in the group!*) – *Editors note.*



**Deadline for the  
next issue of the  
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December 1,  
2014**



**The Matterhorn**

Remember to send in your bios, photos and funny RVing stories. We want to hear from all of you sometime during the year...  
Make this YOUR Matterhorn!  
For all to enjoy!



## Let's get to know... Robert & Connie Bowers

### 1. Where did you grow up? (Hometowns)

I am a native of Phoenix, who grew up, married Connie and raised our family there. We moved to Albuquerque, NM for 7 years before moving to the Denver area due to my work. We've now moved back to the Phoenix area (Surprise, AZ) to establish a new "home base" location for traveling in the Alpine.



### 2. How did you earn your living?

I was a internal network engineer & software developer for Qwest when I retired in 2009.

Connie was an accountant for NTT America and retired in June of this year.

### 3. Where and how did you acquire your Alpine Coach?

We bought our coach off of Ebay from a previous Alpine SoCal member. The battery compartment caught fire on the way home after picking it up in Bullhead City, AZ and kept us from using it for more than a year waiting for the repairs.

### 4. Children/grandchildren and/or pets?

We have 3 grandsons from our son and twin granddaughters from our daughter. We have no pets.

### 5. Hobbies or special talents? ... (Don't be bashful!)

I am a model railroad enthusiast and model in N-Scale. Connie has yet to figure out her hobby.



### 6. Bucket list for RV, or any type of travel, trips?

Generally speaking, we just want to travel the US to visit historical locations and national parks.



### 7. Favorite destination in your Alpine Coach?

So far our favorite destination has been San Diego, CA. However, we've only traveled the most southern portion of the US including several months in Florida.

### 8. Add something that might surprise us all to know about you! Seriously!! (As in... alligator wrestling, ballroom/square dancing, rubber-band collecting...etc.)

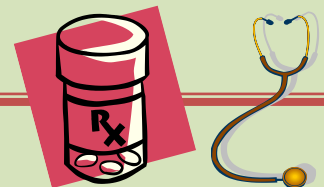
We are 2-time world champions (1996 & 1997) in Country Western dancing, as part of the UCWDC Organization, which is closely related to ballroom dancing. *(Now, who knew that?...Editor's note)*

## A Cautionary Tale... by Joe Darling

It's come to my attention while having a health issue that my Medical Assist insurance coverage did not cover me as well as I thought it did. With that in mind, I'm recommending that all of us take time to review our individual insurance policies and any riders that cover medical emergencies.



FMCA is currently negotiating major changes in their Assist coverage that will be included as a paid benefit for members. As a service to our Alpine SoCal members, just as soon as FMCA details are finalized, we will put together a comparison chart and cost analysis on the various insurance programs available. To help to that end, please feel free to email me any suggested companies that are out there that we should consider including in our analysis.





## CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF COMBINED SERVICE

By Anne McDougal

Mary Langord presented beautiful bouquets of flowers to **Gail Stacy, Stephanie Archer and Anne McDougal** at the Napa Rally to celebrate their combined years of service on the Board of Alpine SoCal. In addition, Mary presented Gail with a *CERTIFICATE OF LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP* for the extraordinary contributions that she and John have made to Alpine SoCal.

**Gail Stacy** was on the Board for 12 years: 4 years as Rally Director and 8 years as President. During her tenure, the Board rewrote or created the Bylaws, Policies and Procedure Manual and the Standing Rules to comply with FMCA's requirements. This was a monumental task and would have been an absolute nightmare without Gail's contacts with FMCA and other Clubs and her perseverance in getting the job done. While President, Gail also served a term as Treasurer for the Alpine Coach Association.

Gail and John have hosted or co-hosted 9 rallies. In January of 2009, Gail and John organized an Alpine caravan (any Alpine – not just our Club) to proceed to the Riverside Date Festival Fairgrounds for the Western Motor Home Association (WMHA) annual rally. They have continued to lead this caravan every year since and have also organized an Alpine



volunteer group to help with the WMHA rally. Gail has been at more SoCal rallies than any other person I know, even driving the motor coach by herself when John was not able to join us. The Stacy's have signed up to do both the caravan and a rally next year. Our Club is so fortunate to have

had Gail's superlative leadership and unparalleled dedication to it, ACA and FMCA!!!

**Stephanie Archer** was on the Board for 6 years: 2 years as Treasurer and Membership Director, 2 years as Treasurer and 2 years as Rally Director. As Treasurer, Stephanie revised the record keeping procedure, bringing it more in line with



accepted accounting principles. The IRS changed the rules on small non-profits during her tenure and she introduced the audit process and required tax filing. With the expansion of the Treasurer's responsibilities, the Board created a new position: 1<sup>st</sup> VP Membership Director. As Rally Director, Stephanie set up a comprehensive data base of Club information including our Organizational Documents, rally forms, rally history, schedules, cost sheets and a list of possible rally venues with pertinent information. Stephanie has been an entertaining contributor to the Newsletter and she and Jim have hosted or co-hosted 6 rallies. Stephanie's organizational and writing skills have benefited our Club immensely.

**Anne McDougal** was on the Board for 7 years: 3 years as Treasurer and Membership Director and 4 years as Rally Director. As Treasurer, Anne developed an Income and Expense Report form to introduce a consistent reporting and record keeping process. As Rally Director she developed several forms to encourage volunteers for Wagon Master and to help them organize their rallies. Anne and Mac have hosted or co-hosted 6 rallies.



### Classified Ads...



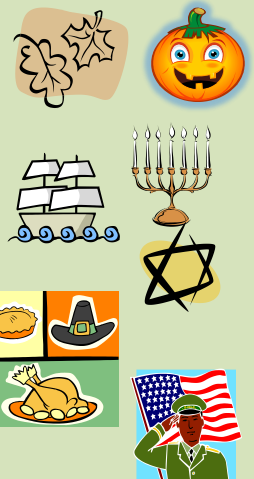
Have anything to sell? Anything special you want to acquire? Be sure and check our future "Classified Ads" in each newsletter and submit anything you wish to sell or are looking for, other than motorhomes.

*"One Man's Trash... is another Man's Treasure"*

### Oh, and by the way...

Happy Autumn  
Happy Rosh Hashanah  
Happy Yom Kippur  
Happy Columbus Day  
Happy Halloween  
Happy Veterans Day  
Happy Thanksgiving

*Happy Everything,  
...until we meet again!*





## RALLY NEWS

*SARC (Socal Alpine Rally Committee)... by Bill Figge*

What a great summer. Since the week-long rally in Napa, Alpine sightings have been reported throughout the country doing what we do best, having fun and collecting travel memories. Your SARC team (Anne, Ramona & Bill) did the same with trips to Oregon and Alaska.

As Anne reported last Quarter, the Napa Rally was a rich gathering... as 4 additional Wagon Master couples and our new Newsletter Editor volunteered. Must have been the wine tasting? Thank you all.

With Fall approaching, our focus for the next 30 days is to:

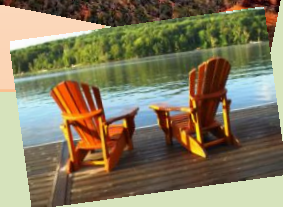
Identify venues and wagon master teams for our **2015 Late Spring/September** (week-long) and our second **Fall** (week-end) rally. Our destinations and wagon master teams for Havasu, Pre-Pomona Rally, Las Vegas and the Springs at Borrego are already set. See Rally Schedule for dates and mark your calendars.

Begin thinking about and planning our **five 2016 rallies** that are just waiting for your destination ideas and involvement.

As we plan rallies for the next two years, please consider how vital rallies are to the value we all enjoy as Alpiners. Remember, that all new members are encouraged to Co-Wagon Master with experienced WM's during their first 3 years of membership.

As we all think about rally destination possibilities, it may be helpful to share some of the suggestions received from members in the Rally Preference Questionnaire conducted this Spring. Response to the question "What Destination(s) and Park(s) should we plan to have future rallies", generated lots of ideas for both new and some of the most popular places we have been before and may want to re-visit. Here are the highlights:

- CA: (Top 5)- Plymouth (Western Sierra), Tahoe, Chula Vista, Paso Robles and Mammoth.
- (Next 11)- San Diego, Borrego Hot Springs, Pismo, Coronado, Santa Barbara, Valencia, Escondido, Bishop (during Mule Days), Temecula, Solvang area.
- AZ: Sedona/Camp Verde, Phoenix area (Spring Training), Lake Powell.
- Other: Reno, Santa Fe, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Utah.
- Top Parks: 49'er Village/Plymouth; Wine Country RV/Paso Robles; Zephyr Cove/Tahoe; Mammoth Mountain, Mammoth; Prado Regional Park/Chino; Silver Strand/Coronado, in Winter (Spot Rally);Pechanga/Temecula; Distant Drums/Camp Verde.



*As you peruse these sites, keep in mind that we have visited several before and have a good data base of park details, things to do and other information to make planning and conducting the rally easier.*

The next step is yours. **Before October 15**, please give serious thought to inquiring about and joining another Alpine couple to hold one of our next rallies. And remember, your SARC team is here to help find another team to partner with and to assist as needed.

To get started, you might want to print out the "Rally RV Park Questionnaire" and other forms on our Alpine SoCal website, [www.alpinesocal.com](http://www.alpinesocal.com). to get acquainted with park selection and other ways to organize a rally. And let us know of any questions you may have.

We hope to hear from you, before October 15.

TRAVEL WELL. Hope to see you in Pismo.



**"A Happy Wife is a Happy Life...  
Especially in an Alpine Coach!!"**







## MY MOTHER by Mac McDougal

*My Mother, Leila McDougal, will be 106 on February 12, 2015.* (Patti Warren asked me to write an article about her for the Matterhorn). The first 76 years of her life were spent in NW Kansas, primarily Atwood (Pop. 1200 now, never over 1800) where I grew up.

She relocated to San Diego in 1985 where she lives in a condo; independently until she was 100 when my sister, Lila, moved in with her. Mom took classes at a Senior Center and started writing stories about her childhood on the computer as well as learning to use email. Her 18 stories are an upbeat sensitive portrayal of life in rural Kansas from a child's point of view circa 1913 to 1916. Sister Kathlyn is publishing them for our large extended family.

Mother continues to return to Atwood for the annual High School Reunion celebration where she knows the parents and grandparents of most of those now living. She continues to be popular with the townspeople. People are encouraged to return on each 5 year anniversary and many return every year so that the ballroom is filled with up to 500 people. Being the oldest alum ever; they invite her to speak every year...



At her 87th reunion she started her speech "Four score and seven years ago our Fathers brought forth -- OOPs wrong speech. Four score and seven years ago I was graduated from Rawlins County High School and since I am the only one left in the class of 1925, I elected myself to make this speech." This year (her 89<sup>th</sup>) she recited the following piece written by "the Shakespeare of India" 400 years ago. She got a standing ovation:



"Look to this day  
for it is life, the very life of life  
yesterday is but a dream and  
tomorrow is only a vision  
but today well spent makes  
every yesterday a dream of happiness  
and every tomorrow a vision of hope"

At age 92 her doctor told her to stop doing push ups as she had injured her arm. Up until a few years ago she had about 25 poems she could recite at the drop of a hint. She is now down to 3 – 4 short ones. She retains her delightful sense of humor and still expects to attend every party. She will be in the motor home for the tailgates at all the Charger games again this year. She loves God and all her extended family and friends.

*(Thank you Mac. What a remarkable woman!—Editor's note)*

## ...Napa Rally by Roving Reporter, Donna Hambarian



This beautiful morning we are planning our move to a different, rustic RV park.

Everyone's up, drinking coffee, visiting neighbors, emptying holding tanks (not my job!) and getting ready for our 4 mile journey. Jim Warren is out walking Mickey & Kodi, Phoebe & Rodney are having a doggie play date & Mary Ann's dogs Cody & Tia are quite "talkative" this AM.

Today, I asked several in our group for their favorite RV destinations: Archers and Langords love Winchester Bay, Oregon (So. of Florence)... great oysters and crabbing. Anne McDougal mentioned Malibu, on a hill overlooking the Pacific. Carol remembers the middle hill country near Kernville Texas. Orville liked Moab, Utah & Judy Fisher said she likes beaches & lakes. Other places reported were Crown Villa in Bend, Oregon, 49ers in Plymouth, Calif., Timberline Lodge in McCall, Idaho, Morgan Hill State Park in Washington, Goose Island, Wisconsin, on the Mississippi, & any place close to Elizabeth's Restaurant in New Orleans (owned by the Peck's son). I happen to love Grizzly RV Park in West Yellowstone, MT. I am rather biased as I have 3 grandchildren in that town. My son is reopening their business, Bear Country Bake Shop (on Canyon St.), & opening a new Bear Country Burrito Co. at the new aerial park.

## ANYWHERE AWAY FROM HOME!

I know you can relate to Greg Vaughn's answer....

The "Wagon Train" to the new park went very smoothly because of our outstanding logistics team. THANKS to... Bill Figge, Mike Collins, Dave Guhse, Tom Polk and Greg Vaughn! Kudos to all of us, for following their directions. Driving behind our coach, in Maxine (our Jeep), I noticed we had no brake lights... Oh Joy! Engineer Mike came over with his "magic fingers", wiggled something under the dash and PREST-O, CHANGE-O we had brake lights! Thanks Engineer Mike!

The gathering for Friday night at Skyline Wilderness Park included a margarita drink station, manned by the "Three Amigos", Bill Figge, Jack Giddens and Ed Mathews. They were really yummy and Ed threw in a splash of Grand Marnier. We dined on great pizza, salad and ice cream sundaes. After dinner we had many laughs trying to get Helena and Bob Mazzocco to claim their "lost" chairs. Several members shared stories about the wineries they had visited and Jim Warren shared his experience... getting "stuck" in his coach after the locking mechanism failed... Engineer Mike to the rescue, again!

Mike and I had an awesome time getting to know some more of you. Thanks, again, to Bill and Patti and Phil and Trudy for a terrific rally. Looking forward to Pismo and to being your asst., asst., asst. Wagon Masters in Las Vegas next April... God Bless and Happy Travels.

## A Message from our WebMaster:

**Jim Archer**

As you may or may not be aware, I have recently taken over as the Webmaster for the Alpinesocal.com website. If you have not visited our club's website in a while, I would

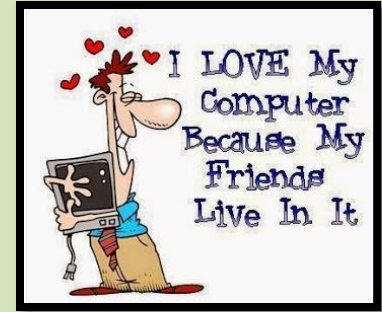


**Jim and Stephanie Archer**

encourage you to check it out. First of all, I would like to thank Dave Fernandez for all of his work over the years in setting up the [Alpinesocal.com](http://Alpinesocal.com) website. I took much of his work and imported it into a new format that matched my limited website building skills.

My goal with the website is to make the information easy to update, making it easier to keep the information accurate and up to date for our members. **If you visit the Rallies webpage, you will find a link to download the current Master rally schedule as a PDF file. Also on this webpage you will find the latest rally information, such as rally registration forms and schedules of events for the rallies as soon as they are available from the wagon masters.** Also linked to the Rallies

webpage is a new Wagon Masters webpage. On this page you will find information about becoming a Wagon Master. Nothing you haven't already heard from the SARC rally committee! There are links to the forms used to plan a rally, either as a full package or individual forms. Feel free to download these forms and see how easy it is to be a Wagon Master.



The website also contains a list of the members and their photographs. If you find the photo you are looking for, you can easily download a copy of the file onto your computer by right-clicking on the photo, at least in most browsers. The photos are those taken from our membership files. If you would like to update your photo, please contact Mary to take another photo, or submit one to her. I will be happy to post it. If your photo is not shown, it is because Mary does not currently have your picture! She sent me everything.



Our website is limited only by our imaginations, and of course, my extremely limited skills! *(We sincerely doubt that! Editor's note...Patti)*

Happy travels!

**Jim Archer**

### ANYONE ON FACEBOOK?

**Don't forget to check out these interesting FB & internet pages:**

#### ALPINE OWNERS PAGE

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AlpineOwners/?fref=ts>

#### RV ROAD TRIPPERS

[https://www.facebook.com/DriveFCCC?hc\\_location=stream](https://www.facebook.com/DriveFCCC?hc_location=stream)

### And our very own Website...

**Alpine SoCal Website... Webmaster: Jim Archer**

<https://www.alpinesocal.com>



**Tension Rod Bottle Holder**



## Rudy's Creamed Corn... by Stephanie Archer

Whenever Jim & I travel through Texas, we try to stop at Rudy's BBQ restaurant. Their smoked meats are delicious and the creamed corn is to die for. I found this recipe on the Internet. The results taste just like the creamed corn that the restaurant serves. I often double the recipe and freeze portions in Foodsaver bags which makes reheating very easy. The recipe is very rich. Don't have your cholesterol checked within a week of consuming this creamed corn! Bon appetit.

**Cook time:** 4 Hr

**Prep time:** 10 Min

**Serves:** 8-10

### Ingredients

2 lb corn kernels, frozen  
1 – 8 oz cream cheese - cut into chunks  
1/2 stick butter  
2 Tbsp sugar  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream  
Salt and pepper to taste

### Directions

Throw all ingredients in a crock pot on low or medium and cook for at least 4 hours. Stir occasionally.

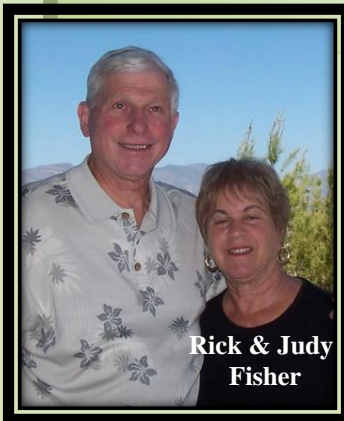
*We enjoyed this delicious recipe at the Napa Rally!  
I even went back for seconds... (Editor's note...Patti)*



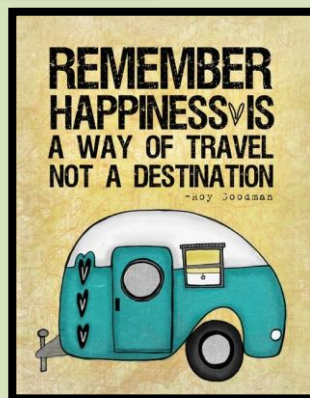
The next time you are face to face with fellow Alpine SoCal member, **Judy Fisher**, ask her about her involvement with *New Horizons*. I understand she is very passionate about the organization.

*New Horizons* is celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Maybe Judy will write an article for the Matterhorn and enlighten the entire membership. Please???

*Editor, Patti*



Rick & Judy  
Fisher



### In the next issue of the Matterhorn...

*Look for the long-awaited article from our Alaska travelers...*

*Some of their adventures and all the photos!  
&*

*"Let's get to know"...a few more of our members!*



### 2016 -- Playing it Forward...

It's not too early to start thinking about 2016! Most events are ideally booked one year in advance. This early planning gives you more choices in the size of the rally. For 2015 we are still looking for Wagon Masters for a weeklong rally in May, June or early September and for another "weekend" rally in the Fall. Rally forms are now up on the Alpine SoCal website. To get started you might want to print out the "Rally RV Park Questionnaire." That form will remind you of the questions to ask, and help you organize your information about the rally site.

**Note:** Our weekend rallies are now 3-5 days long and the Board has approved 3 nights' park fees for Wagon Masters... We continue with 5 nights for weeklong rallies.



# The Pismo Beach Rally... November 14 – 18, 2014

*The Warren Travels...*



Our recent trip to Pismo Beach included a stay at Pismo Coast Village RV Resort (trying to cool off from our SoCal weather). We have visited this beautiful resort many times in our travels.

To those of you planning on attending this rally in November... you are in for a real treat. It's on the lagoon before you reach the wide Pismo beach. Fun for dogs and people of all ages.

Loads to do, explore and eat! Don't forget to try Splash for their wonderful *Clam Chowder Bread Bowls* and other goodies!

Town is just a couple blocks away and a very easy walk. The pier is fun... but no dogs allowed on it!

San Luis Obispo is a short drive north and don't forget to visit Avila Beach for the pretty drive and peacefulness.

Your wagon masters for this rally: Mike & Mike Collins  
Jerry & Toni Smith



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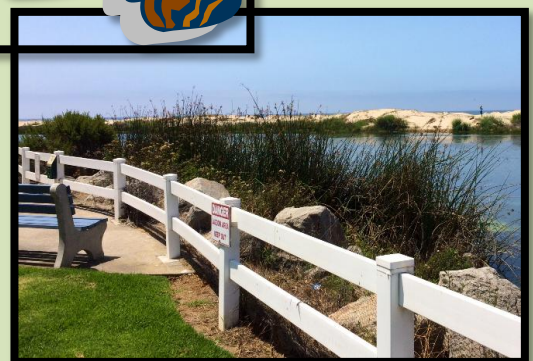
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## Meet The Stacys... *John & Gail*

1. I grew up in a small town in Illinois, southwest and south of Chicago. When I was 8 we moved from our town of 300 to a huge town of 1200... Visited both just a few weeks ago...that was fun. John grew up in the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles and never lived anywhere else until I drug him to Vegas.

2. I started out in accounting and then became a Cash Manager and Corporate Treasurer. I worked for a bank, though not as a typical banker... My clients were government agencies and corporations, who I helped with services to improve their management of cash flows.

John spent his entire career in the movie industry, as a sound editor for feature films and earlier for some TV movies; especially for Steven Spielberg in his early days. He has 2 Emmys, both with Spielberg and many sound awards and was a finalist for Academy Award nominations on 2 occasions. The second to last film he worked on before retirement was "Shawshank Redemption"...a favorite of a lot of people. His company was Bald Eagle Sound, which you will see in film credits along with his name...hence our license plates with different references to bald eagles (including mine...FRAUEGL, which means Mrs. Eagle) & nbsp.



3. We bought our first Alpine at an RV show in Pomona in October 2000. Then, we bought our 2003 while at the factory for some work on our 2001. Unfortunately, our 2003 had a lot of serious problems, so after about a year, we traded for a 2004. And, finally, in August of '06, at an ACA rally in Charlotte, NC, we ordered our current 2007. Thank goodness they went out of business, as it has saved us a lot of money!!!

4. In our combined families, John and I have 18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren (soon to be 6). Of course, we lost our beloved Sammi, the Great Dane, last year...and now have our new love, Mindy, the GoldenDoodle.

5. I guess you could say my hobby, or least my favorite thing to do, is traveling...but I also love to work at my church and to read. John plays softball (he's a pretty dang good pitcher in slow pitch) and Texas Hold 'Em.

6. ALASKA!!!! But, not in an RV... My Bucket List includes Ireland and Scotland, Turkey, back to Israel, back to Kenya and anywhere/everywhere in South America.

7. Our favorite RVing spot would be the Rincon during the week before Christmas...that's where we are every year.

8. I am basically a very shy person...I had to learn to be outgoing in my work, but sometimes it is still hard for me with people I don't know well. *(We would never have guessed that... Editor's note.)*

## What a Wonderful Idea...

The **Pfliers, Bruce & Caryn**, recently loaned their Alpine Coach to a couple whose newborn needed to stay in the hospital, in the NICU. The hospital had full hook-ups available and the use of the Alpine meant that the family (they also have 2 yr.old, twin boys!) could be together during this trying time. Baby Hudson was in the hospital for 5 weeks and is now at home and doing fine!



The Pfliers got their Alpine back, all cleaned up and ready to go, just in time for their Paul McCartney concert in San Francisco and before the start of football season! They are all Happy Campers! What a wonderful gift to give to this young couple... and such a blessing! We might all look into these type of facilities, at local hospitals, during our own down times!





# RALLY SCHEDULE—2014 & 2015

(Revised September 1, 2014)

<b>2014</b>			
January 7 - 12	Riverside County Fairgrounds, Indio, CA	<b>FMCA*</b> <b>WMHA</b>	Gail Stacy (caravan only) <a href="mailto:gistacy@cox.net">gistacy@cox.net</a>
Feb. 14 - 17	25 <sup>th</sup> Winter Blast Fireworks Rodeo Grounds Lake Havasu City, AZ	SoCal	Joel & Mary Langord <a href="mailto:Langord@mac.com">Langord@mac.com</a>
March 17 - 20	Georgia Nat'l Fairgrounds Perry, GA	<b>FMCA*</b> Int'l Conv.	
April 4 - 7	Golden Shore RV Resort Long Beach, CA	SoCal	Mac & Anne McDougal <a href="mailto:Mcdanne2@gmail.com">Mcdanne2@gmail.com</a> Sandy & Debi Johnson <a href="mailto:Firecapt98@hotmail.com">Firecapt98@hotmail.com</a>
May 19 - 27	Napa Valley Expo RV Park & Skyline Wilderness Park Napa, CA	SoCal	Bill & Patti Figge <a href="mailto:figgebp@mac.com">figgebp@mac.com</a> Phil & Trudy Binley <a href="mailto:philbinley@yahoo.com">philbinley@yahoo.com</a>
Aug. 7 - 11, Aug. 13 - 16	Portland/Fairview RV Park Redmond, OR	<b>ACA</b> <b>FMCA*</b>	Egg's & Polk's FMCA
Sept. 28 - Oct. 4	ACA Heritage Rally Branson, MO	ACA	Burch's & Cook's
Nov. 14 - 18	Pismo Coast Village RV Resort Pismo Beach, CA	SoCal	Mike & Mike Collins <a href="mailto:alpinemikes@2mikeys.com">alpinemikes@2mikeys.com</a> Jerry & Toni Smith <a href="mailto:Geraldsmith18@hotmail.com">Geraldsmith18@hotmail.com</a>
<b>2015</b>			
Jan. 6 - 11	Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	<b>FMCA*</b> <b>WMHA</b>	Gail Stacy (Caravan only) <a href="mailto:gjstacy@cox.net">gjstacy@cox.net</a>
Jan. 14 - 20	Desert Rat Rally Quartzsite, AZ	ACA	Mike & Ann Fleming <a href="mailto:meflem@pacbell.net">meflem@pacbell.net</a> John & Lorraine Foster <a href="mailto:fofstfree@aol.com">fofstfree@aol.com</a>
Feb. 11 - 16	Winter Blast, Lake Havasu, AZ	SoCal	Joe & Micki Darling <a href="mailto:jdarling10@aol.com">jdarling10@aol.com</a> Nick & Ramona Escamilla <a href="mailto:Ramona324@hotmail.com">Ramona324@hotmail.com</a>
March 19 - 24	Pre-Rally @ Valencia RV Park	ACA	Joel & Mary Langord <a href="mailto:landgord@mac.com">landgord@mac.com</a> Tris & Carolyn Swan <a href="mailto:Swansnest2@verizon.com">Swansnest2@verizon.com</a>
March 26 - 29	Fairplex in Pomona, CA	<b>FMCA*</b> Conv.	
April 9 - 13	Las Vegas—LVM Resort	SoCal	John & Gail Stacy <a href="mailto:gjstacy@cox.net">gjstacy@cox.net</a> Mike & Donna Hambarian <a href="mailto:grbgmike@aol.com">grbgmike@aol.com</a>
Nov. 4 - 9	The Springs at Borrego BorregoSprings, CA	SoCal	Bob & Helena Mazzocco <a href="mailto:bobnhelena@roadrunner.com">bobnhelena@roadrunner.com</a> Rick & Judy Fisher <a href="mailto:judyfisher@gmail.com">judyfisher@gmail.com</a>

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