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## The President's Message

What a great summer Micki and I have had in the White Mountains of Arizona at 7,000 feet elevation. Those of us with Multiple Sclerosis experience heat as a devastating experience, as it causes extreme fatigue. Because of the high heat in Tucson, we seek out higher elevations and cooler temperatures. After discovering White Mountain Vacation Village in Show Low, Arizona, right in the heart of the White Mountains, we have returned for the past four summers.

Nearby we have dozens of lakes and streams that are filled with trout and bass and we have fished in many of them. Micki and I have relished some of the best trout we have ever eaten. Summers in Arizona is the monsoon season. We have enjoyed many days of rain which soaked the forest, a definite detriment to forest fires. Nearby Greer, AZ is recognized as the number 1 elk population in the SW united states; and it is not uncommon to see large herds in the fields and meadows at this elevation. Additionally, just a few miles away is Whiteriver, AZ home of the Apache Indians and is the location of the historic Fort Apache, which is open daily for tours.

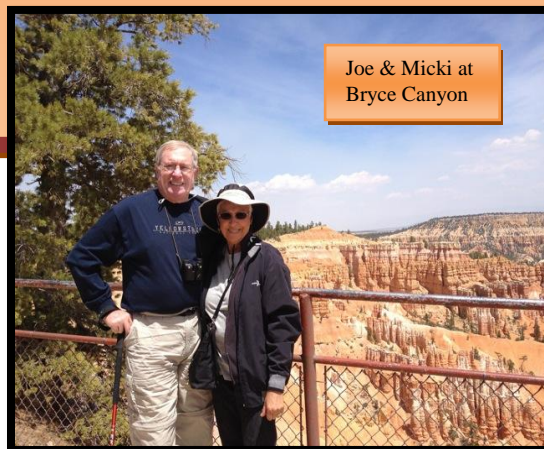
I have thoroughly enjoyed my presidency of our incredible organization. Due to my MS and various medical conditions, on Sept. 14 I am scheduled for another back surgery. Hopefully this will be successful, reduce the pain and enable us to travel, at least minimally.

I sincerely hope you get involved with our great club as we are in need of new officers, wagon masters, 2nd vice president, and other positions that open up periodically. We need your thoughts and ideas in order not just to maintain, but as Dr Seuss preaches "ON BEYOND ZEBRA" and continue with our upward spiral of travels, fun and camaraderie.

*Joe Darling, President*

*Alpine SoCal*

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Joe & Micki at  
Bryce Canyon



# Membership Report

Mary Langord, 1st V.P.

Wow! If you are like me, you may be wondering where the summer season has gone. Seems that each year we fight to hold on to time, trying to fit all of our plans into limited schedules. Someone once told me that as you get older time goes by faster. Well, I didn't understand that for years, but am now beginning to realize the reality of it.

Our membership total as of September 1<sup>st</sup> is 67, and I feel that we are fortunate as other clubs seem to be struggling somewhat. We are managing to attract new members who are buying their first Alpine on the secondary market. We are still a Brand Specific Chapter whose membership is actively participating and spreading the word about our varied activities and successful rallies. Keep up the good work!

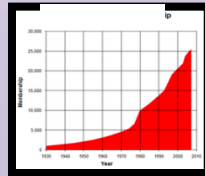
Since I get to email all of you from time to time, I was beginning to wonder if everyone was getting all of the



information. Last July I included a request that each of you acknowledge the receipt by dropping me an email letting me know that our method of communication was working. I'm very proud to say that I received almost 50 emails from you. I want to thank each of you who responded. With all of our high tech toys, it is easy to begin wondering if things are just "floating out somewhere in never-never land". It was very good for me to know that you were all on the receiving line.

I will miss seeing many of you at the Lake Powell week-long rally coming up. Unfortunately, my second knee surgery falls within that time period. I've had such amazing success with my right knee replacement that I am actually looking forward to the left one being replaced also. If I am lucky enough to recuperate rapidly, I do hope to see you down the road at Borrego Springs in late October.

Enjoy those Alpines and have safe wonderful trips full of amazing memories.



Check out the new design & additions to our Website!  
It's much easier to navigate with added features and content for "Members Only"...  
Thank you Webmaster, Jim Archer!



[www.alpinesocal.com](http://www.alpinesocal.com)

You will find all registration forms and rally information on our Website....



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# I Can Read Clearly Now...

while wearing sunglasses! For those of you who do not wear prescription sunglasses but need help reading fine print while wearing sunglasses, "reading" sunglasses are the solution. Jim Warren told me about this wonderful invention (thank you, thank you, thank you, Jim). I thought I would only use these sunglasses when I wanted to sit in a sunny area and read a book. But the reading sunglasses have quickly become my every day sunglasses. When I'm driving, I can now read the dashboard instruments and GPS (scary, huh). When I'm a passenger, I can read maps, tourist brochures and my phone without putting on my prescription reading glasses. What a treat that is!

If you use "readers/cheaters/magnifiers" to read fine print, then reading sunglasses are for you. Reading sunglasses come in different shapes, frame and lens colors and powers of magnification (from 1.0 to 6.0). Do an Internet search of "reading sunglasses" for a list of vendors who sell them.



I bought a pair of Maui Jim knock off reading sunglasses for less than \$35 at Amazon.com. The best selection is found online. I'm so happy with the pair of reading sunglasses I bought at Amazon.com that I haven't looked for them in retail stores. I did notice that Wal-Mart has a limited selection of reading sunglasses in their pharmacy.

Happy reading... especially while wearing sunglasses.

Stephanie Archer



## Message from your Alternate National Director... Joel Langord

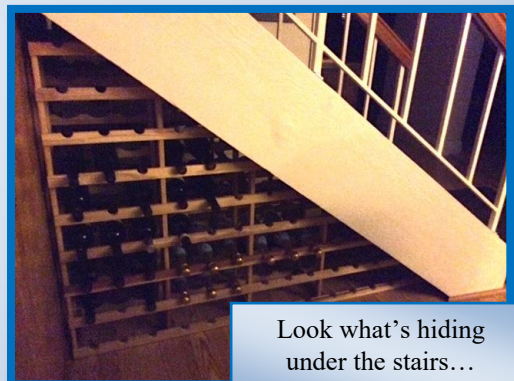
As your Alternate National Director my job has been extremely easy in the past due to the diligent job Carolyn Swan has done through the years. But, with Carolyn and Tris traveling to Alaska this year I should have picked up the ball and done my job. Unfortunately, due to health issues and Mary's knee replacements we have not attended any SoCal related events since the ACA rally in Valencia. For that I apologize.

But all was not lost. While being a nursemaid to my spouse I did a couple of projects you might find interesting. The first picture is one of the wine racks I built under our open stairs (there is another on the other side). Together they hold over 100 bottles of wine and we accept all contributions to fill them up. *(Good luck with that Joel & Mary!...editor)*

The second project was initiated after our granddaughter, Alyssa, took a job at Bridlewood Estate Vineyard. She showed me a picture of a cheeseboard that they sell for \$90. True, some local artist made them. I couldn't contain myself, so I went out in my shop and knocked out the two in the picture from scraps I had in one afternoon. I guess it's profitable to call oneself an artist. *(Beautiful work Joel!...editor)*



Cheese or cutting boards...



Look what's hiding under the stairs...

## FMCA National Director...Alpine SoCal: Carolyn Swan

Your membership in FMCA now includes NEW added benefits in FMCAssist. A Discount Drug card is available which can save up to 85% of your medications cost. Just present the discount drug card along with your prescriptions at your pharmacy. Until you have a discount card use **Bin 011867, Group # FMCAssist, ID # 303CON, PNC HT.**

Staples Advantage program became effective August 1, 2015. Staples will give exclusive discounts (on line and in store) and they have reduced minimum order to \$35 for direct-to-door shipping. Just register your credit card to get the exclusive discounts. Go to [www.FMCA.com](http://www.FMCA.com) and follow the links to register for an online account, and/or register your credit cards for in-store shopping. Now, discounts are available from both Office Depot & Staples.

Your newly elected National Officers are: President Charlie Adcock, Senior Vice President Jon Walker, Secretary Gaye Young and Treasurer Percy Bell. And the upcoming FMCA Family Reunions: Perry, GA March 2016; West Springfield, MA, July or August 2016 & Chandler, AZ February or March 2017.

We will be traveling to Hanford the end of September for the Western FMCA Board Meeting and the planning of the January 2016 Indio Rally. Tris plans on being the Assistant Safety Officer again for the Rally. There is talk about maybe extending the Rally to a full week. Plan NOW on going and VOLUNTEERING!

After the meeting we will be going to Pahrump, NV for Tris to attend 2 classes (Carolyn is sitting this one out). If anyone is interested in attending Front Sight for Firearm Training, contact us!



Tris & Carolyn Swan

## RVing Tip of the Day

### Two RV fire hazards you may not have thought about

by Ray Burr, [loveyourrv.com](http://loveyourrv.com)

When you hear about someone losing their RV to a fire, you may think about a refrigerator going bad, a misplaced cigarette or a screw through an electric wire. Here are a couple of other sources of RV fires that are preventable that you may not thought of.

#### Tires and axle bearings

You wouldn't think tires and bearings would be a fire threat, but think again – they are a not-so-uncommon cause of burned-out RVs on the highway. What happens is an axle bearing fails and gets extremely hot, to the point of igniting the tire. Once the tire gets fully engulfed it is very hard to put out, and generally the fire spreads and the whole rig goes up in smoke.

There are several ways to avoid this happening. First, always maintain the wheel bearings. Have them inspected and regreased at the recommended times. Second, keep tires inflated to proper levels. Third, after every tow feel the wheels and tires for heat. They should be warm but not too hot. Do it often and you will get a feel for normal heat and know when one is out of acceptable range. If you can afford it, I recommend installing a quality tire monitoring system. A good system will not only monitor air pressures but also temperature, alerting you to any changes before catastrophic failure happens.

#### Battery Ventilation

The lead-acid batteries used in most RVs can emit explosive gases and need to be provided proper ventilation. To avoid any problems make sure the batteries' area is adequately vented to the outside. If you keep the batteries inside a sealed box, a vent hose needs to be installed and generally a second hole is opened beneath the battery as well. Fresh and well-maintained batteries will also produce less gas, so avoid using the batteries too long and always maintain the water levels.

Of course, avoid smoking and causing sparks around the batteries. One tip I can give you: If metal things in the area around the batteries are showing signs of corrosion, then you likely have too much battery gases developing.



## Alaska

### “Last Great Road Trip North of Ordinary” –

Tris and Carolyn Swan... in their Alpine Apex Coach

Greetings from the Swans who are now home (returned 4 weeks ago) from our extraordinary summer trip to Alaska.

The modern Alaska Hwy is a far cry from the pioneer road that was cut through the bush, marshes, permafrost, rocks and mountains and even rivers by the Army Corp of Engineers during World War 2 in only a year's time. But even though today's highway is mostly paved and has been straightened out now compared to when we first drove it in 1981, because of the climate, much of the highway is constantly under repair – which means miles and miles of gravel road or just plain dirt and sand as they try to repack. But we survived it with no mishaps! On this trip we did many of the things that we hadn't done on 2 previous trips to Alaska and were again astounded by God's magnificent creation! Our drive to Valdez was through beautiful alpine valleys, meadows with towering mountains, ice fields glaciers and cascading waterfalls – really just breathtaking!

The drive home through BC on the Cassiar Highway in late July was quite different in that there were massive fields of flowers. The road reminded us of New Zealand. This remote highway, 450 miles long, transverses some of the most beautiful scenery in the BC providence as it passes mountains, glaciers, rivers, lakes & canyons – and of course vast forests. It took us to Hyder, Alaska which was one of the highlights of our trip and where we met up with the Burchs and the Sleys just before we departed to return home!

Just maybe it won't be our **Last Great Road Trip to Alaska!**

...Please keep us in your prayers as we have just learned that our son-in-law, Paul, has cancer once again (the 4<sup>th</sup> occurrence in 3 years) and this time it is stage IV. At some point we will be traveling back to NC to be with him and our daughter. We appreciate all those who have prayed for him in the past and continue to solicit prayers for the family.

# Harvest Party

## SARC COMMITTEE REPORT...



As our Summer travels become memories, it's time to *AMP Up and Sign Up* for our Fall and 2016 Rallies. Fall is a great time to join other Alpine owners for great fun and comradeship. Our Wagon Masters have been quite busy creating exciting and interesting venues for us. See our Master Rally Schedule at the end of the newsletter or our new and improved Web-site: [Alpinesocal.com](http://Alpinesocal.com) - click rallies & upcoming rallies list.

### Fall 2015

**Lake Powell** leads our Fall Schedule and at publication was sold out with 22+ coaches participating. Lead by Dave & Nicole Guhse and Dave & Stilla Hobden it promises to be a spectacular 7 night experience for our annual weeklong rally.

Next, Bob & Helena Mazzocco and Rick & Judy Fisher have organized our November, 5 night rally at **The Springs at Borrego**. This is a great RV venue and beautiful time of year to enjoy the Borrego Desert. See article in the newsletter and send your Registrations in soon.

### 2016 Rallies

January includes the **Western FMCA** rally in Indio and the 11<sup>th</sup> **Annual ACA Desert Rat** rally in Quartzsite. **Important...** if we want to continue caravanning into the Indio Fairgrounds, to keep our Alpine group together, we need a member to organize the caravan and to coordinate volunteers. Gail Stacy says it's easy and has offered to mentor if someone will step up to preserve this valued tradition.

February is our **3<sup>rd</sup> Winter Blast, Lake Havasu** rally. This event is rapidly growing in popularity and includes 4 nights of magnificent fireworks display by the Western Pyrotechnic Association and an additional 3 nights to ALPINIZE. Book Very Soon through our Wagon Masters Dave & Nicole Guhse and Paul & Katie Lisec before ACA and friends reserve our limited space.



For March, mark your calendar for our **2nd SoCal Baseball Spring Training Rally**. Even if you are not a "baseball groupie", the greater Phoenix area has lots to do. And this rally offers

flexibility to reserve between 4 and 7 days. Bob & Connie Bowers & Jim & Stephanie Archer are eager to welcome all.

Our SARC Appeal to every member – Two ways everyone can Enhance our Rally Program...

Although next year's Rally Schedule is completed, we are starting to plan for 2017.

**By Sept. 31**, please take a few moments and let us know where and when you would like rallies to be held. All suggestions, whether new or repeat venues, are welcomed. And if you catch the "Alpinitis" virus, and want to explore being a Wagon Master, we like that too!

Elections for our 2016/2017 Board will be here soon. Please give serious thought to running for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Rally Director position. Or if preferred, join the SARC committee if the VP position remains unfilled. Let us know your questions or interest.

### Your Loyal SARC:

Anne McDougal, Ramona Escamilla, Stephanie Archer & Bill Figge



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**Go Alpine!**



Alpine SoCal Website...  
<https://www.alpinesocal.com>



## The Springs at Borrego... November 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Expect to have an exceptional time at The Spring in Borrego this November! Join us for golfing, star gazing, spa treatment massage, sightseeing, socializing, games and planned meals at this fabulous, resort RV Park. See old friends and make new ones as we gather to enjoy the benefits of this beautiful, desert oasis destination.

Check out [www.springsatborrego.com](http://www.springsatborrego.com) to learn more about the rv park.

We'll see you in November!

Wagon Masters: Bob & Helena Mazzocco  
 Rick & Judy Fisher



# Webmaster Update

By Jim Archer



They say that no news is good news. In the case of the website, there is no news, so that is good news! The only recent changes were behind the scenes, adding a few new features to help me maintain the website and make Mary Langord's job easier, too.

We are currently on a trip to Oregon and Washington. Stephanie and I are having a nice relaxing time, avoiding the heat wave that southern California has been experiencing. In other words, a typical summer. It looks like the lower diesel prices are getting more people on the road in RV's. We have found it harder than usual to make last minute decisions on destinations. Some RV parks have been booked, unlike in past years.

We have had our Alpine Coach for 11 years now and have kept it at the same storage facility all these years. Unfortunately, that has changed! While on the road we received notification that the RV storage at the old El Toro Marine Air Station is closing. A little birdie told us it might be happening a day before we left for our trip, so we quickly found a new facility. Hopefully, it will be as nice at the old facility.

Also, while on the road our wagon masters released some new registration forms and rally schedules. Hopefully, you have received these, but if not, as always you can find them on the website, on the rallies page. As soon as I get them, they will be there, so keep checking for new information.

Happy Travels!!



## Upcoming Rally Events for Alpine SoCal...2015

Lake Powel, AZ.....October 7 – 14<sup>th</sup>  
The Springs at Borrego RV Resort.....November 4 – 9<sup>th</sup>

Please check our website for registration forms and additional information. Sign up soon! See you all there for these fun-filled rallies.

[AlpineSoCal.com](http://AlpineSoCal.com)

**RallyCoach**



**Let's get to know.... Mary Langord (our 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)**

1. I grew up in Biloxi, MS. I'm a "deep Southern" Belle.
2. When I was a Junior in High School, I participated in a work program whereby I went to school only half a day. I was fortunate enough to land a job at Radio Station WLOX. The part-time job became full time my Senior year. I stayed in broadcasting for over five years. The owner of the radio station also owned the Buena Vista Hotel. I became his Convention Coordinator and Executive Assistant. Kept me plenty busy and out of trouble until I met Joel in 1960. Married six months later. End of career and happy wife and motherhood followed.
3. We bought our '06 Alpine from Guaranty in Junction City in 2007, just a few months before the factory closed.
4. We have three fabulous daughters and one beautiful granddaughter. In addition we have quite the extended family as we've always had a revolving door in our home. We hosted foreign exchange students and our Cypriot daughter, Christina, has two exceptional children who consider us their grandparents.
5. I love photography and travel. If any talent exists...it would be as an organizer.
6. Bucket list? Always wanted to make the trek to Alaska.
7. Favorite area is the Oregon coast and Pacific Northwest.
8. Love music of all kinds. Always have the iPod fully loaded and love to play music fairly loud... I also have all of my photo albums and cookbooks on my computer and iPhone. I guess I would be considered a "Geek"!

*Thank you Mary for your organizational skills and leadership in our group!*



Deadline for the next issue of The Matterhorn is...  
**December 1st, 2015**



You will find all registration forms and rally information on our Website....

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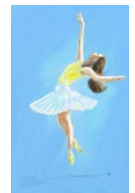
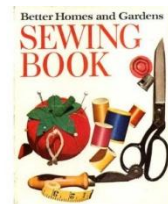
**The Matterhorn**



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



## Let's get to know... Michael and Teresa Weitz



- Where did we grow up? (hmm... who says we *did* grow up??)...  
Michael grew up in Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa. Teresa is from Pretoria and Johannesburg, South Africa. Teresa moved to the USA in 1973 with her family (New Jersey) and Michael followed her a year later. They have lived in the Seattle area since 1980.
- Michael worked in finance as a CPA and CFO of various companies. He remains our family "bean counter". Teresa was a teacher (high school); became a mother, chief cook and bottle washer while raising their twin daughters; and after that, remained a "kept woman". On the side, when child duties allowed, she also taught sewing and ballet classes.
- They found their Alpine coach on the internet, in Virginia, flew to see it on their way to Europe and made an offer which was accepted. After they returned to the U.S., they exchanged check for keys and drove it cross country to their first ever Alpine Rally in Pismo Beach, in November, 2014.
- Michael and Teresa have identical twin daughters. One daughter had *her* first baby in the summer of 2014 (reason for the trip to Europe) and they are now grandparents of a beautiful grand-daughter.
- Michael is hooked on computers – he enjoys family and trip movie making and editing. He is also the family tech support. To keep fit, he runs. He also does general car and home maintenance, designed and built their 1200 sq. ft. cedar deck and way back when, built some of the girls first furniture pieces and a twin crib followed by youth beds. He is a pretty handy guy!  
Teresa has sewn since she was young and remains a fabricaholic (she loves all the storage in the bays of the Alpine...!). She has sewn for the family and most recently for her grand-daughter, upholstery, covers for the Eurovan and Rialta, tutus, dance and theatre costumes, American doll clothes, ...you get the picture! Her focus now is quilting and machine embroidery. She has a Bernina's embroidery software, which is challenging and is learning to digitize designs. She also knits and crochets, usually hats for charity, which she can work on while Michael drives the Alpine. At least two sewing machines will now travel with her on their trips.
- Michael and Teresa plan to ease into full-time RVing and revisit all the places they visited in a rush over the past 12 years. Maybe tour through Europe and Australia in the same way... They both enjoy learning about the history and culture of places visited.
- Their #1 favorite destination is Pismo Beach. Others: Lake Havasu, AZ and Fidalgo Bay Resort in Anacortes, WA. They would like to return to Borrego Springs, the North Caroline Outer Banks, the Florida Keys and the Gulf Coast of Florida.
- Michael ran a mobile discotheque, loves pop music and can usually quote a song for every occasion. He is a Beatle-maniac, plane nut and Blue Angels fan. He was a Springbok Boy Scout (the equivalent of and Eagle Scout here) and why the wanderlust to see what's over the next hill.  
Teresa... She was born to dance and still does. It was ballet while her body was still young and flexible. Now it's line dancing and social dancing when Michael is in the mood. She walks and does tai chi and Yoga when the spirit moves her. Teresa is a story teller and has a blog. In fact several blogs; one for family news, one about her sewing adventures and now a new one about their Alpine travels.



## Tom Kunst... North Western Alpine Coach Association

It is with sadness we must announce the unexpected passing of the President of NoWACA's, Tom Kunst. He passed away on August 8<sup>th</sup>...

He will be missed by many wonderful Alpine Coach members and many, many friends.

There was a graveside ceremony but no reception was planned, according to sources from NoWACA.

### Share your Newsletter...

Let some of our Alpine friends in on all the fun... Share your Matterhorn by sending it on... to any Alpine Coach owners that may not be members of Alpine SoCal. You may join as many other Alpine Chapters as you like and get their rally news first hand! They might want to join SoCal and take advantage of our many fantastic rallies. Pass the word to your Alpine Friends!

### Sharing your Selfies...

Next time out on the road, take a Selfie and show us where you are traveling! We will post the selfies every quarter in the Matterhorn. These are typically silly pics, so share in the fun! This will give us a good idea of how many are out there enjoying the good life in our Alpines!



### ANYONE ON FACEBOOK?

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

#### ALPINE OWNERS PAGE

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

#### RV ROAD TRIPPERS

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

...And our very own Website...

Alpine SoCal Website... Webmaster: Jim Archer

<https://www.alpinesocal.com>





## Nominating Committee...

Nominating Committee (NC) Status and a BIG ADDITIONAL NEED.

In our prior Newsletter we indicated that the recruitment process for 2016/2017 elections had gone quite well. At the time, we had an incumbent candidate for each of our Board positions. As a result, we decided to focus our efforts toward additional ways that more members could get involved to contribute and increase familiarity with key club functions.

We suggested 2 ways that still exist to get more involved:

- Become a 4<sup>th</sup> member of SARC
- Spend some time with Board member(s)

Here is our BIG NEED... Recently, Joe Darling made us aware that he is unable to serve again as our President due to medical reasons. As much as he would like to continue, it is imperative that he make his health a top priority. We are most grateful to Joe for the significant and positive contribution he has made to our Club even during periods of notable health challenges. And we know that he will put as much energy and devotion into getting well as he has given to leading our Club.

As the NC resumes efforts to recruit a new candidate for President, we ask everyone to consider saying "Yes" to our appeal. And we'd like for you to consider the following: Joe is concluding his role as President with the Club in a most stable condition, that is... running smoothly. The remaining board position candidates are all proven veterans that provide an exceptionally strong team for the President. While desirable for Board Members to attend as many rallies as they are able, it is not essential to attend all.

We believe our best approach to find our next candidate for President is to re-contact all members. This is how we were fortunate two years ago to find that Joe was willing to re-consider and to step up to support the needs of our Club. It is essential that we be successful again. So, when we reach-out to you by the end of September, please give thought to how you can find a way to say "Yes", or at the least, to say I'll give it additional consideration.

Thank you.

Nominating Committee:  
 Connie Bowers (303)842-9147  
 Lorraine Foster (661)435-4863  
 Sandy Johnson (805)573-8212  
 Bill Figge (805)300-0033



**Happy... Rosh Hashanah  
 Yom Kippur  
 Halloween  
 Veteran's Day  
 Thanksgiving  
 Hanukkah**

*Happy Everything, until we meet again!!  
 Happy, Safe Travels, too!*





## Membership Spotlight...



Dennis & Sally Whitman



Jim & Vivian Weinheimer



Phil Binley & Trudy Greenlaw



Bob & Connie Bowers

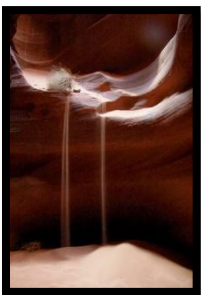
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Best of the Best

## LAKE POWELL RALLY OCT 7 – 14, 2015... Wagon Masters: Dave & Nicole Guhse Dave & Stilla Hobden

The SARC committee has made a reservation at the Lake Powell Wahweap Lodge Campground. We have requested Loop C, the site of the 2008 Rally. The lodging rate for the rally is \$266 for 7 nights. This is a beautiful area and the weather in October is comfortable.



There are 25 spots reserved and we already have 14 coaches verbally committed to attending. It should be a really great rally with a beautiful tour of Slot Canyon, a dinner cruise on the lake, a short morning tour of the Glenn Canyon Dam and a Colorado River Float trip. We can look forward to loads of free time and some great Alpine SoCal meals.

Here are a couple links to check out: [www.lakepowell.com](http://www.lakepowell.com)  
[www.lakepowell.com/dining/wahweap-dining.aspx](http://www.lakepowell.com/dining/wahweap-dining.aspx)



*...More fun Photos!  
Our Members are  
out there...*



Dave & Stilla Hobden recruiting new  
Alpine owners:  
Ken & Caren Dortch from CA...



Jim & Sherrill Haxby...  
Heyburn Riverside RV Park  
Heyburn, Idaho on the Snake River



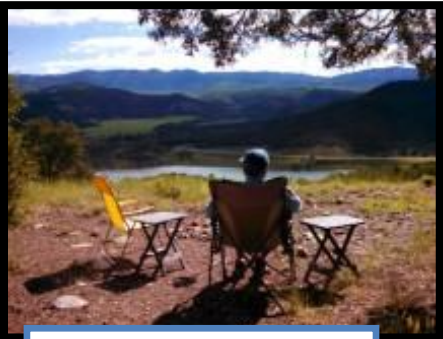
Orville McGee &  
Mary Ann Ratliff in  
Dayton, Ohio



Everyone meets at the Elks  
Lodge in Denver!  
Hobdens, Giddens &  
Fosters



Orville and Mary Ann  
in Columbia, SC



Jack & Linda Giddens on their  
Oklahoma trip in July  
Coffee & Kahlua time!



Giddens at Engineer Pass, CO,  
12,800 ft.



Giddens  
Jeeping in  
Colorado





# RALLY SCHEDULE—2015 & 2016

(Revised August, 2015)



<b>2015</b>			
Oct. 7 – 14*	Lake Powell, AZ	SoCal	David & Nicole Guhse <a href="mailto:daguhse@yahoo.com">daguhse@yahoo.com</a> David & Stilla Hobden <a href="mailto:davidhobden@mac.com">davidhobden@mac.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>
<b>2016</b>			
Jan. 6 - 10	Riverside County Fairgrounds Indio, CA	FMCA** WMHA	Need volunteer to lead Caravan & coordinate volunteers. <b>Gail Stacy will mentor.</b>
Jan. TBD	Desert Rat	ACA	
Feb. 8 - 15	Winter Blast, SARA Park Rodeo Grounds Lake Havasu City, AZ	SoCal	David & Nicole Guhse <a href="mailto:daguhse@yahoo.com">daguhse@yahoo.com</a> Paul & Katie Lisec <a href="mailto:lisec12455@aol.com">lisec12455@aol.com</a>
March 5 - 12	Baseball Spring Training Cotton Lane RV Park Goodyear, AZ	SoCal	Bob & Connie Bowers <a href="mailto:rhb1106@gmail.com">rhb1106@gmail.com</a> Jim & Stephanie Archer <a href="mailto:jimwarcher@cox.net">jimwarcher@cox.net</a>
April 22 - 25	Newport Dunes RV Park Newport, CA	SoCal	Dave & Nicole Guhse <a href="mailto:dagushe@yahoo.com">dagushe@yahoo.com</a> Jim & Patti Warren <a href="mailto:jimwarren@prodigy.net">jimwarren@prodigy.net</a> ***
June 1 - 8	The Vines RV Resort Paso Robles, 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>
Sept. 29 - Oct. 3	Pahrump, Nevada Wine Crush	SoCal	John & Gail Stacy <a href="mailto:gistacy42@gmail.com">gistacy42@gmail.com</a> Nick & Ramona Escamilla <a href="mailto:ramona324@hotmail.com">ramona324@hotmail.com</a>
Oct. 31 – Nov. 5	Monterey County Fairgrounds, California	SoCal	Mike & Mike Collins <a href="mailto:alpinemikes@2mikeys.com">alpinemikes@2mikeys.com</a>
~~Spot Rally Suggestions~~	49er Village, Plymouth, CA	\$70 – 90	Mid May Fair, rodeo, frog jump, wineries
	Silver Strand State Beach, Coronado, CA	\$65	Oct – Dec., Apr.– (early) May



\*\*Must register directly with FMCA \*\*\*Figge's will Mentor

\* Last day listed on dates is date of departure.

