

### Monaco Romers E-Newsletter

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### Pendleton Rodeo Rally



Rodeo fans Donnis, Lois, G'Nell, Inge & Dianne

We had a great fall rally in Pendleton, OR with over 30 coaches participating! Our rally hosts George & Linda McKiernan and Bill & G'Nell DeLack worked hard in advance to provide a fabulous Oregon experience.

Rodeo events started Wednesday afternoon with great seats for the afternoon Round-up performance at the stadium and a BBQ dinner following the Rodeo.



On Thursday many of us

took advantage of the underground tour of downtown Pendleton to experience its unique and gritty history: gambling, bootlegging, opium dens, "cozy rooms" and a first hand look at the life of the Chinese immigrants who mostly lived in the rooms and tunnels below the red light district. This was truly the "wild" west!



The Happy Canyon Indian Pageant & Wild West Show



After dinner we enjoyed the Happy Canyon Indian Pageant & Wild West Show under the moonlit sky. This colorful night pageant chronicled traditional Native American culture, the arrival of Lewis & Clark, followed by the prairie schooners of the Oregon Trail, and concluding with a reenactment of a frontier town's rollicking main street mishaps.

On Friday we had first row seats for the Westward Ho! parade which rolled into town at 10am. Horses, wagons, long-horned cattle, marching bands, and waving Rodeo gueens made for nonstop action.



Many thanks to our Rally Hosts

George & Linda McKiernan Bill & G'Nell DeLack

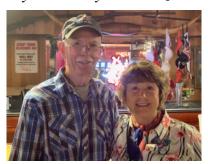
Indio Rally January 5-12 , 2020

Join us in Indio, California for our annual rally with FMCA at the Indio Fairgrounds. You must register online for the Western Area FMCA rally prior to December 15th. See instructions on Page 12.

Sign up now!



Newlyweds Ken & Nancy Stender with Romer friends Gary & Phyllis Wimberly and Bill & JoAnn Bawks.



We can never thank Marsha enough for her dedication to the Romers. Her endless energy and enthusiasm is so very much appreciated!



### Thanks to our bartenders







Bartenders shown are Juan, Dave & Rob Dominic, Larry, Jim & Rob Homer, Dave, Larry & Rob



### Bobbi's Carmelized Ham & Swiss Rolls



For our first-night appetizer buffet, Bobbi Peterson prepared these yummy Hawaiian rolls for the group. They were creative and delicious! Several of us were quickly asking for the recipe. Thanks Bobbi!

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) Hawaiian sweet rolls, split
- 1/2 cup horseradish sauce
- 12 slices deli ham
  - 6 slices Swiss cheese, halved
- 1//2 cup butter, cubed
  - 2 Tbl. finely chopped onion
  - 2 Tbl brown sugar
  - 1 Tbl spicy brown mustard
  - 2 tsp. poppy seeds
- 1 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder

Spread cut side of roll bottoms with horseradish sauce. Layer with ham and cheese; replace tops. Arrange in a single layer in a greased 13x9" baking pan. In a small skillet, heat butter over medium-high heat. Add the chopped onion; cook and stir 1-2 minutes or until tender. Stir in the remaining ingredients. Pour over the rolls. Refrigerate, covered, for several hours or overnight. After chilling, preheat oven to 350 degrees. Bake the rolls, covered, for 25 minutes. Remove the cover and bake 5-10 minutes longer or until golden brown. Delicious! Makes 12 servings.

# Underground tour, parade & Pendleton Woolen Mill























The rodeo crowd stood in solumn remembrance on the anniversary of September 11, 2001.





This is my last President's Report for this term. I would like to thank all of you for being so patient and understanding with me and especially my officers, what a great team. Many thanks to Maureen Bouma who served as board secretary and, as you know, Duncan Holt will be our new President. What a capable guy he is, looking forward to having such a good leader.

WOW! what a great rally we had in Pendleton. Thank you George & Linda McKiernan and Bill & G'Nell DeLack our rally masters. We had a lot to see from the Pendleton Mills to the Underground Pendleton, the Western Ho! Non-Motorized Parade, and the main attraction being the Pendleton Round-Up Rodeo. Pat Coleman our Web Master has already uploaded videos of the Rodeo on our MonacoRomers.club website, good job Pat. Thank you Marsha Taylor for the videos and pictures in the newsletter.

Again, I would like to thank our rally masters for the great food that we enjoyed and I can't forget the adult beverages that Rob and Larry (and crew) provided us with. On Saturday we had our TECH TALK led by Tom Getzfrid. We've all had some interesting mishaps along the road and suggestions were discussed.

Our nominating chairman Tom Getzfrid held the election of new officers, electing the following officers and their team of volunteers:

President Duncan Holt Vice President Jim McPheters Secretary Debbie Holt Treasurer G'Nell De Lack **FMCA National Director** Larry Johnson **FMCA Alternate Director** Susan Lewis Newsletter Editor Nancy Holt Membership Chairman Marsha Taylor Pat Coleman Webmaster Sunshine & Showers JoAnn Curtis

We do have some new rallies coming up and I'll let Duncan cover those in his Vice President's report.

Stephen Hobbs, President

# vice Presidents Report



Our final 2019 Rally is now in the books. We had a wonderful time in Pendleton thanks to our Rally Hosts: George & Linda McKiernan and Bill & G'Nell DeLack. Everyone enjoyed the Roundup, which included, along with the regular Rodeo events, Indian bareback horse racing which was extremely exciting. Some toured the Pendleton Woolen Mills, home of the famous blankets. We also saw the outdoor play telling the story of Lewis and Clark's arrival to the area up to the present time. It was really well done, entertaining and informative. We also toured the Pendleton Underground, which included among other things: a meat market, bordello, bar, Hop Sing's laundry and an Ice Cream shop.

With 2020 just around the corner we have 3 rallies in the planning stages. First, we have our annual trek to Indio where we drive the courtesy carts. Again, the rally masters are Susan and Jim Lewis and their helpers. Please see the sign-up sheet in this newsletter or on our website.

Not having a volunteer for a Spring Rally, I've started to organize a rally within a rally at the FMCA International Rally in Tucson March 26–29. We are planning two nights at the Picacho/Tucson NW KOA prior to the FMCA rally. To park together for FMCA, we will all line up and enter the fairgrounds at 1pm on March 24th. Please check your email for more information on this rally.

Our industrious Web Master, Pat Coleman is now working on a fall rally in McMinnville, OR, home to the Evergreen Air Museum where the "Spruce Goose" (Hughes Flying Boat) and many other interesting aircrafts are based. More information will follow.

This is my last report as VP. I would like to thank all of the Rally Masters and their crews for their hard work arranging the great rallies we have had the past couple of years. I would also like to welcome Jim McPheters as the new Vice President. As I step up to President, I would also like to thank Stephen Hobbs for his leadership as president the past 2 years.

Respectfully, Duncan Holt, Outgoing VP



# New Vice President

A big welcome to Jim McPheters who has volunteered to take over the duties of Vice President. The VP has a big job and he will be looking for volunteers to organize some fun rallies for the future. Please consider a rally master position so that we can continue to travel together and visit new campgrounds and locations. We look forward to new adventures with Jim on the team.

# National Director's Report

Governing Board Report

A Governing Board Meeting was held on August 14, 2019 at Minot, North Dakota, during the 100th Convention of FMCA. The morning consisted of voting on the proposed Bylaw Amendments and Policy and Procedure Amendments.



Susan Lewis is our new FMCA Alternate Director

Two main items passed: 1.) A change to 15, from 20, the number required to petition FMCA for the creation of a Chapter and 2.)Allows a Chapter the option of combining the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

Some wording changes were made to the Area Vice President's duties and reimbursements, including the request for detailed receipts and the requirement that all tax reports are also sent to the FMCA Head Office. Of interest to the Monaco Romers was the new requirement that all transportation trams be equipped with a rear view mirror!

The afternoon brought our main item of business – approving the Budget for the next fiscal year. The biggest change was the 73% increase in the cost of FMCAssist! Much discussion was held but the final decision was that this was a benefit for Members that should be kept. In order to fund this, a dues increase of

### Join us in Indio!

The Western Area Rally of the FMCA will be held at the Indio Fairgrounds January 8-12th. Over 800 Coaches are expected, along with 100 plus vendors and suppliers. Bingo and three nights of entertainment are included, along with Ice Cream Socials, a Pet Show, Chapter Parade, and free Coffee and Donuts every morning. The theme this year is "At the Hop". So break out those poodle skirts and Letterman Jackets and join us!

Monaco Romers will be attending as a group and going in together on Sun, Jan 5th. We will again be volunteering to drive the Express Trams (big golf carts). Register with Western Area to attend the Rally, with 30 AMP service, and also with the Romers to go in together. Your registration with Romers entitles you to 6 nights of the Famous Romers Bar, 5 catered dinners, a Margarita Party & all the great camaraderie. Don't miss out on the FUN!! Sign up now!!

\$25.00 per year was voted on and passed, bringing our yearly dues to \$75.00 per year. Even at that cost, FMCA Membership is a good deal for everyone in that the benefits included far outweigh the costs of getting them separately. Many Companies charge \$100.00 per year, or more, just for a Program like FMCAssist.

Elections were held and the slate of Officers for the next two years are: President: Jon Walker; Nat'l. Senior VP: Rett Porter; Nat'l Secretary: Kathie Balogh & Nat'l Treasurer: John Reynolds.

FMCA membership continues a slow but steady increase. Membership was up 4.9% over last year for a total of 77,519 Members. This amount included 4,601 families with towables, 5.8% of the total.

The meeting was very interesting, although contentious at times. Lasting from 8:30AM to after 6:00 PM, made for a long day. Please contact me if you would like more detailed info.

Susan Lewis, Alternate National Director

Susan represented Romers at the summer FMCA Rally in Minot, ND.

### FMCA Rallies

Jan 5-12, 2020 Monaco Romer and MI Rally Indio, CA

Jan 8-12, 2020 FMCA Western Area Rally Indio, CA

March 26-29, 2020 FMCA 101st International Convention Tucson, AZ

> July 29-Aug 2, 2020 FMCA's Summer Rally Syracuse, NY

> > Winter, 2021 Perry, GA

Summer 2021 Gillette, WY

Winter/Spring 2022 Tucson, AZ

Summer, 2022 Lincoln, NE or Sedalia, MO

# Rally Memories



Pendleton Rally attendees in alphabetical order: Bill & Joann Bawks, Homer & Sharon Budd, Bob & Carolyn Bulot, Dick & Shirley Burr, Curt & JoAnn Curtis, Dennis & Geri Dee, Bill & G'Nell DeLack, Dale & Judy Edwards, Michael & Laverne Gates, Tom & Lois Getzfrid, Steve & Donnis Hobbs, Duncan & Nancy Holt, Larry & Ellen Johnson, Paul & Pat Klempner, Jim & Susan Lewis, Ted & Marsha Lewis, Juan Marquez & Debbie Holt, George & Linda McKiernan, Dave & Beverly Miller, Dominic & Jesse Oliveira, Dave & Bobbi Peterson, Jerry & Inge Plier, Jeff Preach, Don & Norma Preston, Gary & Pat Quilla, Debbie Smith & Janet Ream, Ken & Nancy Stender, Dave & Marsha Taylor, John & Dottie VanDoren, Rob & Dianne Wilson, and Gary & Phyllis Wimberly.













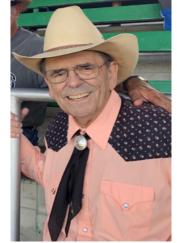




On Thursday the guys wore pink to support the upcoming Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Romers looking good in hats!

























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# Tech Talk with Tom Getfrid



### TDS Fuel Saving Card

Bill DeLack shared information about the TDS card that is in the new FMCA magazine and on IRV2. For complete information see

https://www.tsdlogistics.com/services/fuel-program/ You need to apply online for the card.

### Water pump problem

Dick Burr - Diplomat - no indicator light. When they pulled into their rally site they saw some water had dribbled out, didn't seem too serious. Good Sam sent out a repair person - was not able to fix problem. Good Sam would not approve towing to Cummins in Pasco so Dick paid for it. Cummins replaced the pump within two hours. His coach has a rear radiator, they dropped the levelers and did all the work outside.

#### **Tire Blowouts**

Steve Hobbs had two separate tire blowouts, one on each side. Steering wheel vibrated - he did not put on the brakes and let it come to a stop. In both cases the tire came off the rim. Toyo tires - only 220 miles on them.



Someone suggested watching

the Michelin video "How to Handle an RV Tire Blowout." <a href="https://www.michelinrvtires.com/tires/tires-101/tire-maintenance-and-safety/how-to-handle-a-blowout/">https://www.michelinrvtires.com/tires/tires-101/tire-maintenance-and-safety/how-to-handle-a-blowout/</a>

### **Engine Died**

Jeff Preach - 09 Camelot. Stop engine light came on - engine died but able to coast off freeway. Cummins in Redding was unable to resolve problem as their computer only went back 10 years. Caterpillar did the repair, the air cooler radiator hose clamp came off - only \$400. Ask your local Cummins dealer if their computer covers more than 10 years.

### Repair Shop RX

Dominic Oliveira recommended Schack RV Repair - Brian Schack, 95464 Noraton Rd. Junction City, Or. (541)513-5224 call or text.

### **House Multiplex**

Ken Stender - 09 Dynasty has problem with house

multiplex - group had no resolution other than suggesting he try Oregon Motorcoach.

### Trucker Path App & Tire Purchase

Duncan shared an app he finds useful that shows truck stops, rest areas, price of fuel, etc. He also called Continental tire directly and got a better deal on tires.

#### **Transmission Fluid**

Curt Curtis 09 Camelot asked how often to change transmission fluid? Answer: up to 150,000 miles unless you have abused it.

### **RV Shop in Northern CA**

Duncan Holt asked for a good place to get RV work done in northern CA? DeMartini in Grass Valley.

### **Door Problems**

Several people reported on problems with their door. Phyllis Wimberly 02 Windsor - had it "fixed" but still have to push on it.

Tom Getzfrid - 06 Windsor - took the panel off, bent the arm and shortened the lever.

John Van Doren - 06 Knight- has to push and pull at the same time. Thinks it is a design flaw- eventually will break the handle.

David Miller - 06 Dynasty- took off panel to fix - but put screws back in the wrong place.

### **Wiring Diagrams**

Marsha Taylor shared that Northwest RV supply has wiring diagrams for many of our coaches.

### **Surge Protector**

Members spoke about the importance of having a good surge protector.

# Marsha's Membership Report

We have 88 members as of the Pendleton Rally!

The 2 new members are:

Bill & Barbara Lindsey from Mentone, CA

Mark & Trish Edwards from Redlands, CA

The new Romer Roster with some updated pictures can be found on our website! If your picture is not included, please send a picture of at least 1 MB to Marsha Taylor.. <a href="mailto:marshataylor903@gmail.com">marshataylor903@gmail.com</a>. Our goal is to get everyone's picture included in 2019.

Also, anyone who wants their email added to the roster please let Marsha know.



Marsha Taylor, Duncan Holt, Nancy Holt, Debbie Holt, Larry Johnson, G'Nell DeLack, Shirley Burr, Susan Lewis and Joann Curtis.

### **New Monaco Romer Officers**

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Thanks to the Membership Committee for the time they spent interviewing candidates for these positions. Our 2019 Membership committee included:

Tom Getzfrid, Chairman Karen Harms Susan Lewis Don Strelic Rob Wilson

### Wilsons Retire their Coach

Longtime Romer members & club founders Rob & Dianne Wilson have sold their coach and will limit their onthe-road travel to Rob's new red Escalade. We won't take this coach sale



as a formal goodbye because they'll still join us when a rally is close to home. We can't imagine a rally without you two!

Rob and Dianne have been active members since 1996. Rob helped update the club bylaws in 2012, has served on the Nominating Committee since 2013, took over the Head Bartender role (with Larry) in 2014, and led the club as President 2005-07.

Dianne is the very capable co-captain of the Wilson ship. She keeps Rob on track, shops at Costco before each rally for Romer bar and snack supplies, keeps the bartenders looking good with fresh aprons and towels each day, drives a courtesy cart at the Indio rally with a radiant smile and is friend to all who know her. You two are very much loved!

# Sunshine & Showers

We just had a great rally in Pendleton Oregon, hosted by George, Linda, G'Nell and Bill De Lack....lots of fun and a big thank you to them.
A card (signed by members at the rally) was sent to Judy Hayes as her cancer has returned and she is receiving chemo treatments. She and



Howard were spending time in San Francisco this past weekend and they've also bought a place in Citrus Heights for their new home base. We are sending hugs and prayers to Judy.

We hope that Donnis and Steve Hobbs are recovering from their broken toes as I write this. Some sunshine/rain: Dianne and Rob Wilson decided it was time to sell their coach which they did after the rally was over. They plan to stay involved with the Romers and will be attending the FMCA rally in Indio and will be staying nearby. A huge THANK YOU to Dianne and Rob for all they have done in and for the club. They've been Romers for 23 years!

If you have any news for Sunshine and Flowers, please email me at jocurtis@verizon.net.

Thank you.

JoAnn Curtis, Sunshine & Flowers

### MONACO ROMERS

### General Business Meeting Pendleton, Oregon, September 14, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Hobbs at 2:40 p.m. John Van Doran gave the invocation and Tom Getzfrid led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Secretary Report**

The minutes of the meeting on May 23, 2019 were posted on the website. Curt Curtis made a motion to approve the minutes and Ken Stender seconded the motion. In the absence of Maureen Bouma, Debbie Holt is filling in for her at this meeting.

### **Treasurer Report**

G'Nell De Lack reported that the balance in the checking account is \$7338.86, savings is \$5053.08 for a total of \$12,391.94. On September 14, Paul Klempner conducted an audit and found it complete and clean. Jim Lewis made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Rob Wilson seconded the motion.

### Western Area Rally, Indio January 5-12, 2020

Susan Lewis gave an update on the Western Area Rally in Indio. We will again be arriving early and volunteering to drive the Express Trams. If you volunteer you only need to pay for Sunday night early parking and then the Rally costs. Please bring pop-up tents and folding tables.

Susan passed out rally forms and reminded everyone that you must also register for the WHMA Rally online at FMCA.com. FMCA increased the cost of electric sites from \$85 to \$150.

### **Rally Director Report**

Duncan Holt reported that a fall rally will be held in McMinnville, Oregon, in September or October 2020. Sites can only be reserved 1 year in advance. Rally Masters are Pat & Kathy Coleman and Joe & Vivian Lewis.

Currently there are no plans for a spring 2020 rally and we need someone to host. There was some discussion about trying to get a rally around the time of the FMCA Rally in Tuscon (March 26-29 2020). Curt Curtis said he was willing to do the finances part, but not the negotiations.

Marsha has posted all the rally locations and rally masters from 2001 to the present at the end of the membership roster on the Romer website.

Curt Curtis recommended for future rallies that golfing be offered as an option without a formal tournament and prizes. Those interested in golfing can indicate it on the rally form, but there would be no advance payment. Curt will still arrange a tee time for. The members voiced their agreement.

### **FMCA Director Report**

Larry Johnson could not attend the FMCA rally in Minot, ND so Susan Lewis represented the Romers and attended the all day Governing Board meeting. FMCA membership has increased to 77,519 with towables at 5.8%. There were some changes made to chapter rules.

FMCA dues will be increased by \$25 to \$75 per year. This increase is to cover the dramatic increase by 7 Corners for the cost of FMCA Assist. The TDS Fuel Savings card was discussed at the Tech meeting. For upcoming rallies see the FMCA Director Report.

### **Newsletter Editor**

Nancy Holt passed around the last newsletter and requested that she receive all reports within the next two weeks. She also thanked Marsha Taylor for providing all the great photos for the newsletter.

### **Membership Report**

Marsha Taylor reported that there are 89 members. New members are Bill & Barbara Lindsey from Mentone, Ca and Mark and Trish Edwards from Redlands, Ca. Membership renewal dates are listed on the membership Roster. Please call one of the club officers if you need the password to access the roster. If you need to replace a lost badge or placard, contact Marsha.

#### Webmaster

Pat Coleman could not make this rally. Marsha Taylor informed us that Pat has now included a "For Sale" page on the website and has started to post videos as well.

### Merchandise

Shirley Burr said the new T-shirts are dark blue with dark blue buttons, \$40 for men and \$35 for women. Please let her know if you want to order one. Blue and white hats are available for \$15. Jackets can be ordered online.

### **Sunshine and Showers**

JoAnn Curtis gave an update and passed around a card for members to sign.

#### **Old Business**

Nothing to report.

### **Elections**

Tom Getzfrid began by giving a tribute to Rob and Dianne Wilson, the original founders of the club. All the members jointed in to give Rob and Dianne a standing ovation.

Tom read the list of nominees from the election committee comprised of: Tom Getzfrid, Karen Harris, Susan Lewis, Don Strelic, and Rob Wilson and asked if there were any additional nominations.

FMCA Alternate Director: Susan Lewis

FMCA Director: Larry Johnson Treasurer: G'Nell De Lack Secretary: Debbie Holt

Vice President: Jim McPheters

President: Duncan Holt

Hearing no new nominations from the floor, Tom made the motion to approve the slate of officers, the motion was seconded and approved by all.

#### **New Business**

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Holt, Acting Secretary



### MONACO ROMERS

### Riverside County Fair Grounds, Indio, Ca.

Western Area FMCA Rally Rally Dates January 5–12, 2020

Meet in the holding area at 12 NOON January 5th and we will line up and be taken to our parking area. We will have 30 amp power but you need to come in with full water/propane/fuel and empty holding tanks.

We will be going in as a group with most Romers volunteering to drive the express golf carts. It's not a requirement to volunteer but it is a great experience and you get to meet a lot of Interesting people from all over the country. The ladies love to drive too! This is a different type of Romer Rally and is more of a caravan/destination, similar to a FMCA convention pre-rally. Looking forward to a great time in Indio!

You must also register for the WMHA RALLY online at FMCA.COM or by mail prior to December15<sup>th</sup> and sign up for "Coach with Electric" and show Monaco Romers as your home chapter.

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Rally Fees: Food cost per person:		
Number of peopleX \$120.00  Parking /coach -volunteer \$25.00  Covers Sunday Parking  Parking/coach non-volunteers \$75.00	)	Make checks payable to: Jim Lewis 2700 Quail Valley Rd. Solvang, Ca. 93463
Covers Sun, Mon, Tues  Total Amount Submitted	\$	Application Deadline: December 15, 2019
Rally Masters:		

Jim & Susan Lewis Cell 805-350-1035 Email gizmo4wine@yahoo.com

Juan Marquez & Debbie Holt Cell 626-375-2330 Email juanmar@pacbell.net

Dick & Shirley Burr Cell 949-677-9477 Email shirleyburr@cox.net

Directions: I-10 to Monroe, south 3 miles to Ave 48, left ½ mile to Arabia St, left on Arabia to holding area on right.