

Family Motor Coach Association

SOUTHWINDERS CRUISIN'



Jan.2008

Your Prez Sez....

As the year 2007 comes to a close, it is hard to believe how fast the months flew by. For 2008, we will welcome Chuck Goetz as President with Ray Elliot as his vice president. I know Chuck will do a great job. Paula Goetz will remain as Secretary as well as Fran Nakayama as our treasurer. Both of these ladies have done a great job!! My thanks go out to them along with the other board members.

My goals for 2007 were to increase membership with fun rallies and to have a charitable program. We did lose some members but pretty much kept our membership at 46 members. We ended up with 7 rallies for the year and the ones Jackie and I attended were a lot of fun. The problem is attendance. It is hard to hold a meeting when not enough members attend for a

quorum. I will speak about our charitable program in another article in this newsletter.

2008 is looking better already with 6 rallies planned- so please attend. These rallies are not only fun, but getting together with friends and socializing is what it is all about. I am looking forward to working with Chuck and his board in any way I can. I leave you with hoping you had a great Holiday Season and wishing you all a safe New Year.

P.S. New members and present members- please come to the rallies. I know once you attend, you'll come back.

Membership Info

Just a reminder that the 2008 dues are due 1/1/08. If you have not paid, please take a moment to send your \$15.00 to Jackie Hudspeth at 1356 Omaha Ave. Placentia, CA

92870. Also please update any changes in email address.

New Plaques

We now have our new California Southwinders Plaque. (See above) You can purchase for \$20.00 if attending a rally or if you would like one sooner, please send a check for \$20.00 plus \$3.50 for shipping and handling. Make check out to California Southwinders and mark memo line "plaque" and send to me: David Hudspeth, 1356 Omaha Avenue, Placentia, CA 92870. I will forward as soon as possible.

Your Editor Sez....

Jim and I have been gone for a month exploring the area of Costa Rica. I know it is time to get the newsletter out. Time to change gears and think of all the wonderful Southwind rallies planned for 2008.

2008/2009 Rally Schedule

March 14-16,2008

Santee Lakes

Hosts:Chuck &Paula Goetz
Cohost- needed-contact
Goetz

April 11 – 13, 2008

Pechanga RV Resort & Casino

Hosts: Paula & Chuck Goetz
Co host- needed

May 16-18,2008

The Californian RV Resort/Baseball Rally

Hosts-Joanne&Ken Shannon
Carla Casetta&George
Person

June 20 – 22, 2008

Golden Village Palms RV
Resort – Mardi Gras Theme
Hosts: Jim & Gwen Hougo
and JR & Fran Nakayama

Sept.19-21,2008

Flying Flags-Solvang

Hosts-Chuck&Paula Goetz

Oct.TBA,2008

OakGlen/Apple Valley

Hosts-Dave&Jackie
Hudspeth
Carla Casetta&
George Person

Happy Birthday To

Maxine Carson	Jan.9
Eva Ribman	Jan.20
Alex Potter	Jan.30
Erv Attebury	Feb.11
JackieFehrenbach	Feb.19



Happy Anniversary To

Kathe&Jim Riha 1989

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California has

"RV Friendly"

movement

October 15, 2007

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed legislation adopting the popular "RV Friendly" highway sign logo for use in the state's commercial logo program for gas, food and lodging businesses.

California becomes the twelfth state to join the "RV Friendly" sign initiative, joining Minnesota, Iowa, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Michigan, Oregon, Louisiana, Tennessee, Washington, Florida and Texas. State RV groups and enthusiasts have been successful in implementing the program both through legislation and by working with their state transportation departments.

"California is one of the most popular destinations for RVers and the second biggest producer and seller of RVs in the country," said Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (RVIA) President Richard Coon.

The "RV Friendly" sign is a round, yellow reflector sign with "RV" featured prominently in the center. Gas stations, restaurants and camping and lodging businesses who purchase

highway exit logo signs are the targeted buyers of the sign.

Adding the "RV Friendly" symbol to their existing highway service signs allows businesses to tell RV travelers that their gas, food, lodging or camping facility can easily accommodate RVs, including both motorhomes and towable units.

The RVIA promotes "RV Friendly" implementation by working with manufacturers, dealers and consumer clubs to address each state's needs as the program rolls out across the country. The program's goal is to have all 50 states adopt the symbol.

Southwinders Club Ladder Plates

We now have available for purchase a new California Southwinders RV Club ladder plate! It's 1/8 inch thick, thinner and lighter in weight than the Good Sam or FMCA plates but just as durable, and made of Sintra Plastic. It has a finish of Yellow Reflective Vinyl with blue Vinyl letters so it's also visible at night for vehicles following your rig with their headlights on. Now club members can be identified wherever they travel. This handsome plate will be sold at the chapter meetings.

Copper Canyon

El Paso, Texas-based Tracks to Adventure no longer offers its railroad tours into Mexico's Copper Canyon after the Mexican government decided to prohibit the practice of allowing RVers to stay in their motorhomes or [trailers](#) that rode atop flat cars while traveling through the picturesque canyon in the northern state of Chihuahua. According to [RV Business](#), the Mexican government said the practice was not safe, although Tracks President Larry Olsen said there had been no serious mishaps during the 33 years that he arranged trips for some 8,000 RVers. Tracks still offers the Copper Canyon tour but now RVs are parked and visitors take the 172-mile-long canyon rail in [passenger cars](#).

Our Charitable Program for 2007

Submitted by Dave Hudspeth

I would like to thank our members who participated in our Southwinders Christmas Program for the Marine Corps.

On Saturday, December 7th, Chuck & Paula, George & Carla and Jackie and I went to Camp Pendleton. We presented a check from the California Southwinders for \$500.00 to George Brown, YMCA Executive Director, a retired 30 year Marine Veteran. The Base YMCA does a great job in assisting Marine families with their financial needs.

This money was designated to go to the YMCA Christmas Program for families of Marines who are E-5 and lower. This donation went to the children to help them have a happier Christmas. Hopefully, we can continue this type of program in 2008. We are open to suggestions how to better raise money and what organizations can benefit from this type of activity. Just let a board member know and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Again, my very special thanks to the following members who contributed:

Erv & Trecia Attebury

George Person & Carla Casetta

Ray & Robin Elliott

Jackie & Dave Hudspeth

JR & Fran Nakayama

Ken & Joanne Shannon

Randy & Maxine Carson

Jim & Cynthia Cunningham

Chuck & Paula Goetz

George & Barbara Meyer

Jim & Kathe Rhia





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Hi Camping Friends!

Our editor asked if I'd like to do an update on JR. so here goes: He finished the 35 daily radiation treatments on Nov. 7 but still had chemo treatments after completing only four of the seven mentioned early-on. But the chemo made his hemoglobin level drop too low so before it could be continued, he was in need of a weekly Procrit injection for a full month for starters. As luck would have it, we ended up in the "donut hole" with brand name drugs so it was out-of-pocket for us at \$557 per shot because there's no generic. Thank goodness JR. still has his military service benefits because they came to our rescue although it took a while. Chemo resumed on Dec. 13 at the chemo facility. When we got home, a visiting nurse hooked him up to more chemo that dripped into him around the clock for four days. It was removed but the drug did a number to his throat because since Dec. 17, he's been unable to drink water or talk because the sores on his throat are so painful. He was just starting to get some taste back too. He swishes and swallows a throat medicine, but all others I'm crushing and pouring with extra water into his feeding tube, keeping in mind to keep his kidneys hydrated. He's still being fed formula that's rich in calories so he doesn't lose weight, two cans during the day and three throughout the night. The chemo schedule shows his treatments to be four weeks apart so the next one is Jan. 10. We miss everyone and miss camping with you!

Fran Nakayama

(This email was sent Dec. 28,07)

We certainly wish JR all the best.