

Monaco Romers E - Newsletter

President: Knud Bjornestad Volume 2016 Issue 2 Marsha Taylor: Editor



- The "Three Strikes Yer Out" Romers rally hosted from Friday, April 1 through Tuesday, April 5, by rally masters, Paul & Pat Klempner, Dale & Judy Edwards and Knud & Darline Bjornestad was deemed a "big hit" by its 40 participants (actually, 42, as we welcomed new members, Mark and Kathie Kacourek to the Romers team. Our "home field" was Pueblo El Mirage RV and Golf Resort located in El Mirage, AZ. Our taste buds were treated to the epicurean delights of the exceptional meals provided by caterers, Dan and Marie Freis along with fellow volunteer staff members of the Coyote Grill (mmmm hot-plated eggs, cobbler, home-made apple pie ala mode, along with your mom's pot roast that falls apart with the tug of a fork, to point out a few).
- Our first night started with a "home run" as Jim and Susan Lewis (kudos) led the group through a rousing game of BirdSeed Baseball, "Monaco Has Beens" 9, "Monaco Cuties" 5 (better luck next time, ladies). Golfers were surprisingly challenged by the on-site course with Curt Curtis, Jim Lane, Joe Dingman, and Rich Beeber taking the "Win" for best round. Our final night's dinner was a special treat, in that Knud and Darline hosted a barbeque at their beautiful home in Buckeye, AZ. Darline graciously toured us about their lovely home and shared stories concerning their amazing collectibles from China and other locations around the world.
- A number of couples took advantage of the MLB Spring Training schedule by attending available games (heard we were well represented at the Mariners vs Rockies game on Saturday afternoon). We were provided an "extra-inning's" bonus of a rescheduled air show at Luke Air Force Base (celebrating 75 years of airpower and serving as home to the 56th Fighter Wing) where the Air Force's precision flying team, the Thunderbirds, literally gave us three afternoons of "fly-bys". Wow! Amazing flying skills!
- As usual, the acts of saying good-by, watching our various rigs hook-up tow-cars and pull out can cause a certain degree of melancholy, but that's overcome in knowing that we will join together, once again, at the next gathering of the Romer clan. Big "THANK YOU's" to those of you who joined us for, "Take me out to the ballgame. Take me out with the crowd. Buy me some peanuts and Cracker Jacks. I don't care if I EVER get back. For it's root, root, root for the home team. If they don't win it's a shame. For it's ONE, TWO, THREE strikes, YER OUT at the old ball game." Play Ball!!!

President's Report

The "Three Strikes Yer Out" rally was a great success. Paul & Pat Klempner were the Wagon Masters and did a tremendous job organizing the rally. Dale and Judy Edwards were finance purse keepers for the rally. Darline and I were the local gofers. We had an extra camp site set up with portable canopies for the cocktail hour social. Breakfast & dinners were served in the Recreation Hall and catered by the volunteer El Mirage Resort Staff. The meals were varied and all very good. After the first night's dinner Susan Lewis got most Romers involved in a riotous loud Bird Seed Baseball game and pitted the men against the women. She started the game off by saying that most of the times she has played this game the women soundly beat the men. That set the tone for a lot of heckling back and forth between the men and women. After nine innings the men won 9 to 5.

Several people attended Cactus league baseball games and others visited the Musical Instrument Museum. We were also entertained by the air show from Luke Airforce Base which was very close to the campground. Saturday was the big show but there were also many flights on Sunday.

Sunday was the `Romer Golf Tournament and shopping for the ladies plus others went to the Musical Instrument Museum. The golfers played on the El Mirage Resort Golf Course which had its challenging holes.

Monday we had a good business meeting and the lady members selected a new navy blue ladies size club shirt (featured in the newsletter) and new Navy Blue color for club ball caps (also featured). The day was capped by a catered dinner at our residence and then goodbye's the next morning.

A few Monaco Romers stepped up to the plate this Rally offering to host a couple of Rallies in 2017 but we need more volunteers to keep this club up and running - Rallies and Get Togethers are our Goal! Please Get Together with some of the other members and let's keep this club rollin' with Rallies!

Knud Bjornestad



Vice President's Report

VP Duncan here! We had a wonde<mark>rful time</mark> at the Pueblo El Mirage RV Resort Rally. Thanks so much to Paul & Pat Klempner, Dale & Judy Edwards & Knud & Darline Bjorne<mark>stad.</mark>

The next rally will be at the Petaluma KOA, in of all places, Petaluma!!! Nancy & I along with Don & Nancy Baumgart and Bob & Karenann Evans are hosting this rally! Petaluma is 35 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge and the gateway to the Sonoma Wine country. So far, we have 40 spaces reserved at the RV Park, meals, golf & a San Francisco tour bus to accomodate up to 28 people. We are working on tours to some of the 400+ wineries in Somona. It will be crush time, a good time to visit the wineries. Application Deadline is September 5, 2016.

I am VERY HAPPY to report that we have 3 rallies on the calendar for 2017. Jim & Susan Lewis with Rob & Dianne Wilson are hosting the 2nd Monaco Romer Rally at the Indio Western Motor Home Association Rally (WHMA) January 8 - 15, 2017. We will again be driving golf carts transporting handicap RV'ers to the rally grounds. Jim will have more information on this different type of rally in Petaluma and more will be announced in that newsletter.

Debbie Smith & Janet Ream will be hosting the Spring 2017 rally in California's Northern Central Valley. Info to come.

Rich & Raylene Beeber will be hosting the Fall Rally 2017 in Arizona. Areas are being explored.

Debbie & Janet and Rich & Raylene are both new to hosting and fairly new to our club. PLEASE, PLEASE!!!

We need people to step up and help these volunteer Rally Masters. If you can help, let me know or contact them directly. There are many in the club that have put on rallies and are more than happy to offer suggestions and guidance thru the process. We usually say it takes almost a year to reserve the RV park & make all arrangements.

Thanks again to those who attended the last rally and I look forward to seeing you ALL in Petaluma.

Happy Travels, Duncan Holt



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Monaco Romer Rallies

October 3 - 7, 2016

Days of Wine and Romers
Petaluma KOA

Rally Masters: Holt, Baumgart, Evans

January 2017

FMCA Western Area Rally
Volunteer Handicap Tram Drivers
January 8 - 15, 2017

Spring 2017

Northern California - Rally Hosts
Debbie Smith & Janet Ream

Fall 2017

Arizona - Rally Hosts Rich & Raylene Beeber

Monaco International Rallies

Monaco International Pre-Rally

Syracuse, NY July 27 - 31, 2016

Balloon Festival

Albuquerque, NM October 5 - 9, 2016

Branson Rally

May 7 - 14, 2017

FMCA Rallies

August 3 - 6, 2016

W Springfield, MA

if you are in the a<mark>r</mark>ea,please volunteer to attend the meeting??

Please contact Jim Lewis

WMHA (FMCA) Western Area January 11 - 15, 2017 Indio, CA

















Sunshine & Showers Report by Nancy Baumgart

- 1. Ann Cerniglia recently was diagnosed with breast cancer and needed to have a mastectomy. She is recovering at home and misses her Romer friends.
- 2. Duncan and Nancy Holt recently lost Nancy's brother due to advanced brain cancer. Our Prayers are with you.
- 3. Dave Taylor underwent an ablation procedure on March 16. His heart rhythms are now beating normally.
 - 4. Pat Klempner is still healing from recent surgeries on her jaw bone due to a tumor.
 - 5. On March 28, we heard that Bob Hunter was in the hospital for back surgery.
 - 6. Phyllis Wimberly underwent hip replacement surgery four weeks prior to the rally.



Memories are treasures that time cannot destroy;

They are the happy pathway

To yesterday's bright joy.





Membership Report

April-4-2016

3 new members since October 2015

Jerry & Nancy Gavert Oceanside, CA
Jim & Linda Wenster Brentwood, CA

New Member Joined at this Rally

Mark & Kathie Kocourck El Mirage, AZ cell - 919-368-3783 markjamesk@gmail.com

Rob Crow



Welcome Mark & Kathie Kocourck



FMCA National Director

The FMCA 93rd Convention was held March 17—20, 2016 in Perry, Georgia. I will post information as soon as it is available.

Neither Larry Johnson or myself were able to attend.

The FMCA 94th Convention will be August 3-6, 2016 in Springfield, Massachusetts. Monaco International Pre-Rally will be held in Syracuse, NY July 27-31, 2016. If you are planning to attend the Monaco Pre-Rally and caravanning on to Springfield or just attending FMCA, please let me know as you could be a temporary representative delegate for our Monaco Romer.

Jim Lewis













MONACO ROMERS

TREASURER'S REPORT April 1, 2016

W.A.		
Balance Savings & Checking as of 10/20/2015	\$	16,392.58
Bank of America Savings Account	11,055.74	
Interest earned	1.12	
Total Savings Account	\$	11,056.86
Checking Account Balance as of 4/1/2016	5,336.84	
INCOME:		
Dues & Initiation	960.00	
Gift Card Purchased by Joan Bush	200.00	
Merchandise Sales:: N Baumgart	519.15	
Repay rally advance:: Pismo Beach	618.81	
Sub Total Income:	2,297.96	
EXPENSE:		
Rally Advance:: Jim Lewis Indio	(1000.00)	
Dale Edwards - Arizona	(1000.00)	
Nancy Baumgart - Napa	(2000.00)	
Merchandise Purchase - N Baumgart	(306.07)	
Web Hosting:: Packaging & Cases	(89.55)	
Membership Supplies:: N Baumgart cards	(43.94)	
M Taylor - Software for Newsletter	(36.95)	
R Crow - Supplies	(60.73)	
Postage - M Taylor, N Baumgart, R Crow	(96.06)	
Badges - Gold Star Engraving	(108.00)	
Sub Total Expense:	(4741.30)	
Checking Account Balance as of 4/1/2016	\$	2,893.50
Total Checking & Savings as of 4/1/2016	\$	13,950.36

Respectfully Submitted Karenann Evans, Treasurer

"Three Strikes Ver Out!!" Rally Attendee's

Baumgart, Don & Nancy Beeber, Rich & Raylene Bjornestad, Knud & Darline Budd, Homer & Sharon Crow, Rob & Shirley Curtis, Curt & JoAnn DeLack, Bill & G'Nell Dingman, Joe & Leah Edwards, Dale & Judy Getzfrid, Tom & Lois Holt, Duncan & Nancy Johnson, Larry & Ellen Klempner, Paul & Pat Lane, Jim & Nancy Lewis, Jim & Susan Peterson, Dave & Bobbi Smith, Debbie & Ream, Janet Strelic, Don & Layne Taylor, Dave & Marsha Wilson, Rob & Dianne

Bird Seed Baseball

Up to 3 beanbags of Bird Seed are tossed to a board with holes labeled like a Baseball Game. We were teamed up

Guys - Monaco Has Beens vs. Gals - Monaco Cuties! What a hoot! All really enjoyed! Turned out the Boys were able to cheer a bit more than the Girls The score was:

Monaco Has Beens - 9

Monaco Cuties - 5

Home Runs were claimed by:

Monaco Has Beens

Rob Wilson Homer Budd

Jim Lewis

Jim Lewis Dave Taylor **Curt Curtis** Don Baumgart Rob Wilson **Dave Peterson** **Monaco Cuties**

Ellen Johnson Dianne Wilson

Runs Batted In:

Nancy Baumgart Dianne Wilson Ellen Johnson













Colf Report

The golf tournament took place on Sunday, April 3, 2016 at the Pueblo El Mirage Golf & RV Park course. It was an enjoyable day of golf with the course winding through-

out the RV park. Even though the greens were fast and the course challenging and long, everyone had a fun day. Especially near the end when we watched the aerial participants setting up for their performance at the Luke AFB Air Show.

The three teams played a scramble format with each golfer needing two drives. The scores varied more than usual with eight strokes separating the teams. Winning Team 3, consisting of Curt Curtis, Jim Lane, Richard Beeber and Joe Dingman won convincingly at three under par. Team 1, consisting of Don & Layne Strelic, Tom Getzfrid and Don Baumgart scored one over par for second place. Team 2, consisting of Paul Klempner, Homer & Sharon Budd, and Jim Lewis came in third at 5 over par.

We had three individual competitions planned. Closest-to-the-Pin at hole #7 was taken by Don Strelic at about three feet from the hole. Don S. thought he also had Longest Drive on hole #11, but Layne Strelic beat him by a few yards. No one else could beat Layne either, so she took the honor. Hole #15 was set up for Longest Putt, but no one knew what that meant since we haven't played that before on a scramble. So we eliminated that competition.

A great time was had by all. Everyone is looking forward to the next competition at Petaluma, CA. We hope more of you can join us. The primary objective is always for the participants to have fun, regardless of skill level.

Curt Curtis



Tech Talk

While Knud was doing his Rally Master duties, I was able to share an issue I had with my coach. Many of us have had the driver's side window FOG UP. I had a Phoenix Window Company come out and remove the window one day, repair and replace the next day. The window design and the frame sealant seem to be the culprit. I now have a clear view.

We had a lively discussion on bad or loose grounds. They can cause all kinds of issues. Many Romer members reported ground problems with alternator/volt meters, smart wheel functions, electric step and the sanicon tank pump. If you have an issue, check the Ground 1st. Could save a trip to the repair shop.

It was noted that shoreline hose reels can be rebuilt, if you are handy. Also, the electric reels, too! Use a rag to wipe your electric cord as it rolls up. And, some propane water heaters have an anode rod that needs to be checked each year.

Finally, keep the water level UP in your batteries.

Roll on!!

Jim Lewis sitting in for Knud Bjornestad







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Marsha Taylor

Newsletter Editor

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General Business Meeting Minutes

Monaco Romers

Pueblo El Mirage RV & Golf Resort, El Mirage, AZ Monday, April 4, 2016

President, Knud Bjornestad, called the meeting to order at 9:08 am and stated that the meeting had a quorum in attendance.

Duncan Holt led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States.

Vice President, Duncan Holt, thanked the rally masters; Paul & Pat Klempner, Knud & Darline Bjornestad, and Dale & Judy Edwards, for hosting this "3 Strikes, Yer Out" fun rally. The membership enthusiastically acknowledged the rally masters with applause. The bar staff headed by Rob Wilson and Larry Johnson were also thanked for all their efforts.

President Knud welcomed first time new members Mark & Kathie Kocourek, who joined at the rally.

Secretary's Report.

Secretary Pro Tem, Nancy Baumgart, stated that the minutes of the General Meeting held October 22, 2015 at Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, Pismo Beach, CA were published in the most recent newsletter. President Knud asked for additions or corrections to the newsletter. Being none, he called for a motion to accept the minutes as published. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Treasurer's Report.

Marsha Taylor read the Treasurer's Report dated April 1, 2016 as submitted by Karenann Evans. The report stands as read, is included with the official minutes in the Secretary's Log Book and will be published in the Treasurer's Report section of the newsletter in which these minutes are published.

Membership Chairman's Report.

Rob Crow, Membership Chairman, stated that we now have 105 current members. See Rob's report in this newsletter. Please email any changes to your address, phone or email directly to Rob Crow.

Newsletter Editor's Report.

Marsha Taylor asked that all attendees meet right outside this meeting for a group picture, which will be published on the Romers website.

FMCA National Director's Report.

Jim Lewis stated that he, as well as Alternate National Director, Larry Johnson, were unable to attend the Perry, GA FMCA rally and meeting held during March 17-20 of this year. Jim doesn't yet have a report from that meeting to present to our membership, but will follow up when he receives it.

Jim stated that the next FMCA International Convention will be held in Springfield, MA. He asked the membership for possible delegates as neither he nor Larry Johnson will be able to attend this event.

Sunshine & Showers / Romers Apparel Reports.

Please see Nancy Baumgart's Sunshine & Showers report in this newsletter.

Merchandise (white Romer hats and shirts) are available at the rally as well as on the web site. Romer fleece jackets are available for purchase only on the web site.

Nancy announced that the board recently granted her approval to purchase 50 new Romer hats (as the inventory of white hats is close to depletion). These new hats will be in navy and will be available for purchase in a few weeks.

The board granted approval for Nancy to introduce a new ladies shirt for the membership as many of our female members don't fit well in men's sizing. She presented four different style shirts to vote upon as modeled by members as follows:

Darline Bjornestadt wore a Sport-Tek short sleeve shirt in white.

Marsha Taylor wore a Sport-Tek short sleeve shirt in navy.

Susan Lewis wore a Port Authority 3/4 sleeve shirt in navy.

Nancy Holt wore a Port Authority short sleeve shirt in navy with white piping on the collar and sleeves, with 4 white buttons in the front.

The female membership voted for the Port authority shirt as modeled by Nancy Holt. The Romer logo will be placed on the left chest. Shirts will be available for \$35.00 in the near future. Sizing will be available from XS to 4XL.

Old Business.

Knud presented one item under Old Business and asked Nancy Baumgart to read the letter to the membership. This letter was dated October 23, 2015, from Fountain Valley School District (Isojiro Oka Elementary School). The letter was addressed to Mr. Jim Lewis. It stated: "On behalf of the entire Oka Elementary School community, thank you for the very generous donation of the portable PA System. We will find many uses for the amplifier, 2 speakers, support cables and lecturn. Your donation will make a big difference in the educational support activities that happen at Oka Elementary. We wish you and your organization all the best. With Appreciation, Erik Miller, Principal."

New Business.

Duncan Holt encouraged members to host future rallies.

Duncan & Nancy Holt, along with Don & Nancy Baumgart and Bob & Karenann Evans, will host the fall rally titled "Days of Wine and Romers" to be held at the San Francisco North/Petaluma KOA from October 3 through October 7, 2016. Applications were passed out to the membership.

Jim & Susan Lewis, along with Rob & Dianne Wilson will host the Second Annual Romers Indio Rally to be held from January 8 -15, 2017 at the Riverside County Fairgrounds.

Discussions were held regarding spring and fall 2017 rallies. Debbie Smith & Janet Ream offered to host a rally in the Nor. Cal. area in the Spring. Rich & Raylene Beeber offered to host an October rally in Arizona. Both rally masters are new to the Romers and need co-rally masters. Please step up and offer to help!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Baumgart,

Secretary Pro Tem for Tom Townsend



















MONACO ROMERS Days of Wine and Romers

San Francisco North/Petaluma KOA 20 Rainsville Rd. Petaluma, CA 94952

Arrive after 2:00 Monday October 3, 2016 Depart NLT 11:00 am Friday October 7 Early arrival and/or late departure rate is \$55/day, including tax. Please advise when making reservations

Nancy & Duncan, Nancy & Don, and Karenann & Bob invite you to come enjoy California's original wine country, Sonoma County. There are many wonderful things to do and see. Visit some of the 400 plus wineries in Sonoma County, the beautiful redwoods, rugged Sonoma coastline, Charles Schulz Museum. interested in shopping, Santa Rosa has several nice shopping centers and Petaluma has outlet stores. Oh, and did I mention Wine Tasting? Not to mention getting togther with our fellow Romers

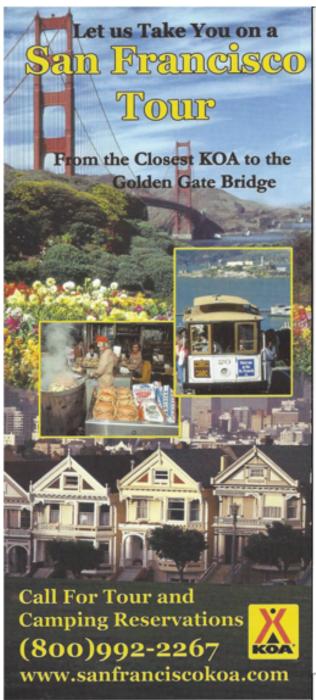
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