

Monaco Romers E-Newsletter

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Welcome to Pala!



The Temecula/Pala Rally took place amid the surrounding mountains at the beautiful Pala Resort & Casino campground, hosted by Joann Bush & Bill Beckley, Layne & Don Strelic and Norma & Don Preston. Although this was a smaller rally with 17 couples in attendance, we had an enjoyable time in the club room decorated by the talented Layne Strelic. Everyone commented that the smaller number of attendees allowed us to have more time to visit and get to know each other and our new members.

Each night our chief bartenders, Rob Wilson & Larry Johnson, did a topnotch job recruiting volunteers to serve us at Happy Hour. After the first evening's



Pizza and Ice Cream Party, Karenann Evans won our rousing tournament of the game Right/Left/Center.





Dave and Layne enjoy Pizza Night!

Tuesday afternoon we were rocking and rolling to the music of the Mar Dels at the casino. Later back at the clubhouse, we gathered around a display of our childhood photographs trying to guess who everyone



Many thanks to our Rally Hosts

Don & Norma Preston
Bill Beckley & Joann Bush
Don & Layne Strelic

Pendleton Rodeo Rally September 10-15, 2019

Join us in Pendleton, Oregon for the World Famous Pendleton Round-Up

Only a few sites remain.

Sign up now! Rally forms on Page 13.

was and complete the answer sheet. After a delicious tri-tip dinner from Hunter Steakhouse, everyone revealed which childhood picture was theirs. As you can imagine, there was a lot of fun and laughter. Susan Lewis won the "Who Are They Now" photo contest. Test yourself with the photos below. It's tough!

Wednesday 22 of us enjoyed a docent led tour of Old Town Temecula and the Historic Museum, followed by free time for lunch and shopping. Then we traveled to the beautiful home of



Don & Judi Pagano with its magnificent view overlooking the valley and mountains. Despite the rain, our Taco Fresh caterer set up his tent near the garage and served us a delicious Mexican dinner. Many of us enjoyed sipping margaritas and sampling guacamole in front of the warming fireplace in the enclosed lanai.

On Thursday we enjoyed breakfast sandwiches and fruit, followed by our Romer Club meeting. Afterwards the guys attended Tech Talk with Don Strelic while Layne taught the gals how to make a beaded wire bracelet. The rest of the day offered free time to explore the Temecula Valley Wine Country, Wilderness Gardens, Palomar









A fabulous evening at the Pagano's lovely home.



Observatory and the San Antonio de Pala Mission. Some of our members even made it to the casino to try their luck and have lunch at one of the delicious restaurants. That evening Layne proved to be quite an auctioneer during the bar auction.

After breakfast on Friday, we said our farewells and promised to meet again down the road.

Joann Bush, Rally Master







For those of us who were not at the Pala rally, here is a sampling of photos of Romer members in their younger days. Can you guess who they are?



First I would like to thank Joann Bush & Bill Beckley, Don & Layne Strelic and Norma & Don Preston for the great rally. It turned out to be a small rally but a very quaint rally with good food and plenty of it. We all had a great time and wonderful fellowship.

Thank you Don & Judi Pagano for the great dinner and wonderful hospitality you provided for the Romer families. What a beautiful home with an outstanding view. It was like being on top of the world.

I would like to thank Debbie Holt for filling in for Maureen as recording secretary due to Maureen being out of the country.

We have a nominating committee: Tom Getzfrid, Chairman; along with Rob Wilson, Don Strelic, Susan Lewis, and Karen Harms. This team will put together candidates for the new officers to be elected at the Pendleton Roundup Rally this coming September.

We only have Indio as a scheduled rally for 2020. Please put your thinking cap on and let's come up with some ideas for places to go. Rally Masters, if you have any questions please contact Duncan Holt.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in Pendleton. I think this will be another great, great rally!

Stephen Hobbs, President

vice Presidents Report



We just finished our rally at the Pala RV Resort, in beautiful Temecula Valley, hosted by Joann Bush & Bill Beckley with Layne & Don Strelic and Norma & Don Preston. From all reports, it appears that everyone had a good time. We are sorry that Nancy & I couldn't make it, but the wedding in Baja California, Mexico was wonderful and we had a great time.

Our next rally, September 10-15, is the Pendleton Roundup hosted by George & Linda McKiernan and Bill & G'Nell DeLack. We currently have 29 confirmed reservations and 3 more committed. This leaves us with 3 spaces remaining. A signup sheet is available on our website and in this newsletter. If you want to attend, you must hurry as we are filling up fast.

This brings us to 2020. As you know, the best thing about our club is the fellowship we enjoy at our rallies. No rallies – No fellowship. We really need volunteer rally masters to plan rallies. Other than the Indio Rally, January 5th, we have nothing in the pipeline. If you can host, please give me a call and I can help you get started.

Jim & Susan Lewis are looking for help next January for our fifth Indio Rally. Please contact them if you can help.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Safe travels, Duncan Holt, VP

Over the years the Romers have traveled far and wide! Here are some former locations where we've held rallies. If you need inspiration for a future rally, we could return to a previous location,* or explore new territory.

California Borrego Springs Buellton Bakersfield Chula Vista Clovis Hemet Indio Jackson Palm Desert Paso Robles Petaluma

Pismo Beach

California (continued)

Plymouth Red Bluff

San Juan Bautista

Sonora Temecula Valencia

Nevada

Boulder City Lake Tahoe Las Vegas Laughlin Pahrump

Arizona

Benson Camp Verde Havasu

Rancho El Mirage

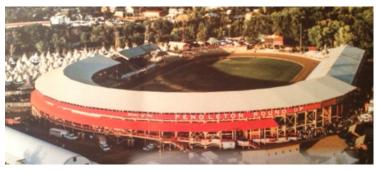
Williams
Colorado
Durango
Idaho

Coeur d'Alene

Oregon
Pendleton
Utah
St. George

*For campground listings, please refer to the back pages of the Romer Roster at Monacoromers.club.

Pendleton Rodeo Rally September 10-15th, 2019



There are only a few sites left for our Pendleton Rodeo Rally this September in beautiful eastern Oregon. The rally form can be found on page 13 of the newsletter. Events and accomodations for this event often sell-out a year in advance. Our rally hosts have secured camping and event tickets for Romers all week long. See the schedule of rally events highlighted below. Remember to bring an hors d'oeuvre for Tuesday and breakfast meals for all mornings.

We'll start with the Wednesday afternoon Round-up performance at the stadium and a BBQ dinner served



immediately
following the
Rodeo. Plan an
early evening
because the next
few days will keep
you busy!

On Thursday we'll tour the woolen mills to see Pendleton blankets

being made. The blankets, plus clothing and more, are for sale in the store. Afterwards we'll experience Pendleton's unique and gritty history: gambling, bootlegging, opium dens, "cozy rooms" and learn about

the Chinese who mostly lived in the rooms and tunnels below the red light district. This is truly the "wild" west!

After dinner we'll attend the Happy Canyon Indian Pageant & Wild West Show. This colorful night pageant taps into local history: 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. Don't miss the retelling of the story of the "Old West" in a way that you won't soon forget.



On Friday the Westward Ho! parade rolls into town at 10am. For those who would like to stay the afternoon, the Main Street Cowboys, in their signature chartreuse and purple shirts, bring in free entertainment at 2pm. You'll enjoy musicians, comedians, hyptotists and more on Main Street stages set up for rodeo-fans to enjoy. Then there's more food and fun on Saturday!

Our thanks to rally hosts George & Linda McKiernan and Bill & G'Nell DeLack for making this rally possible!



Included in your registration:

Wed 1:15 Round-up performance at the stadium

5:00 BBQ dinner at the stadium

Thurs Tour of woolen mills, Underground Pendleton

Mexican dinner

7:45 Happy Canyon Night Show

Fri Downtown parade & Chinese dinner

Sat BBQ dinner and awards night

No breakfasts are included in this rally

National Director's Report

Romers had an excellent turnout of 27 coaches at the Monaco International rally in Las Vegas last month. At its peak membership, Monaco International had 994 members and it currenty has 135. The good news is that there are 34 new members.



Highlights of the Las Vegas rally included: 4 nights of

camping, welcome social, 4 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 3 dinners, happy hours, 3 evenings of entertainment, an afternoon wine tasting party, boche ball and long putt contests, a horseshoe tournament, an afternoon of karaoke and a seminar on the history of Las Vegas. Everyone had a great time!

Susan Lewis will represent Romers at FMCA's 100th International Convention in Minot, ND in August. Election of FMCA officers will be held.



Hello from Las Vegas!

Albuquerque 2019
Balloon Fiesta
with Monaco
International
October 9-13



Several Romer

members will be attending the Balloon Fest this year, including Duncan & Nancy Holt, Ken Stender & Nancy Marcel and new members Greg & Susan Kusiak. If you plan to go, please give Nancy Holt a call and we'll plan a time to get together in Albuquerque.





Monaco Romers were well represented at the MI rally in Las Vegas.

FMCA Rallies

August 14-17, 2019 FMCA 100th International Convention Minot, ND

Oct 9-13, 2019 Monaco International Balloon Fiesta Albuquerque, NM

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

> Summer, 2020 FMCA's Summer Rally Rock Springs, WY

> > Winter, 2021 Perry, GA

Summer 2021 Gillette, WY or St. Paul, MN



Pala Rally attendees in alphabetical order: Don & Nancy Baumgart, Bill Beckley & Joann Bush, Richard & Shirley Burr, Curt & JoAnn Curtis, Bob & Karenann Evans, Steve & Donnis Hobbs, Larry & Ellen Johnson, Jim & Susan Lewis, Juan Marquez & Debbie Holt, George & Linda McKiernan, Dominic & Jessie Oliveira, Don & Judi Pagano, Dave & Bobbi Peterson, Don & Norma Preston, Don & Layne Strelic, Dave & Marsha Taylor, and Rob & Dianne Wilson.



Girls at play!









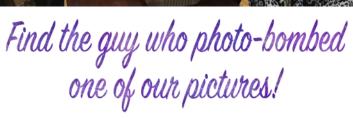








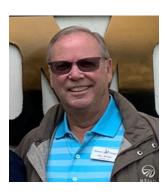








Tech Talk with Don Strelic



We had a very lively discussion with many attendees. Thank you to all who participated and thanks to our moderator Don Strelic. Some of the topics discussed:

Injector Cleaning

By adding a fuel additive Don Strelic noticed more power in pulling hills and gained up to one half gallon better fuel mileage. His brand is <u>Diesel Kleen</u>.

Water Leak

Curt Curtis had a leak in his supply hose which caused havoc on his rig. He ended up replacing 15 feet of hose and his pump. From this he learned that we no longer need a check valve added to the installation of a pump.

Shock Absorber problem

Dominic had a shock absorber come right through the floor under the bed. Not something you would expect!

Hydraulic Reservoir

George learned the hard way not to let his Reservoir for his Hydraulic system empty. If you see a leak, fix it ASAP. Since he did not, it took 3 mechanics, 3 days broken down and stranded and in the middle of the desert to solve the problem. He pushed the slide button and his jacks went up, etc. All is fixed now but warning to others! Fix the leak!

FMCA sprint hot spot

Don Pagano explained his excitement for signing up for the FMCA unlimited Sprint hot spot. The Strelics have had it for a year and are very pleased. Seems to work in remote areas, no throttling after so many gigs and able to watch Amazon, Netflix, etc with no buffering. The cost is \$50.00 a month and Don says he is saving a bundle now that he is not paying Verizon for overage. Both highly recommend this product.





Tech Talk participants shared their coach advice.

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.. marshataylor903@gmail.com. Her goal is to get everyone's picture included in 2019.

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

Club Merchandise



New member Shirley Burr has stepped up to take over the ordering of club merchandise for us. Options for Romer merchandise are available through our website, MonacoRomer.club under the heading Membership Store. Check it out!

Romers have navy blue Club shirts available for Women & Men for \$35 and \$40. Before each rally we'll try to send notice to order ahead and your merchandise will



be waiting at the next get together.

Club Caps are also available in navy blue or white for only \$15. Also check out the great Polar Fleece Monogrammed Jackets available through our MonacoRomer.club website store. Jackets will include embroidered names (on the jackets only) and will be shipped directly to you. Please see the club shirts on the website and shirleyburr@cox.net can be contacted to order shirts or hats! Order now and pick them up at the next rally.

Thank you Shirley!

Sunshine & Flowers

We had a great rally at Pala Casino. As the Sunshine Lady I try to stay up to date with any of our members who have news to report whether health related, a new grandchild in the family, a coach purchase or even a special trip you've taken. Please send me your news so we can share it with our membership.

I've recently sent Get Well cards to several members, including Rob Wilson



Sunshine Ladies Nancy Baumgart & JoAnn Curtis

(eye lid cancer surgery) and Dale Stucker (surgery). I'm happy to report that Bill Beckley joined us at Pala after having stents put in just 10-12 days before the rally. In Colorado no less! We send continued prayers for Judy Hays and Pat Coleman as they fight their battles with cancer.

Another active Romer who was back on the road is Bobbi Peterson, who broke her neck in January. She's doing great and attended the

rally in Pala. Debbie Holt is comfortably resting at home following foot surgery.

On a personal note, so many of you knew Cassie, our Airedale who traveled everywhere with us in the coach. We had to say our goodbyes as we let her go to the Rainbow Bridge on May 14th. She was such a big part of our travels and we will miss our sweet girl so much!

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

Thank you.

JoAnn Curtis, Sunshine & Flowers

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Marsha's Membership Report



Welcome new members Dick and Shirley Burr from San Clemente, California.

We currently have 89 members with 2 of those emeritus (without a coach but still club members).

MONACO ROMERS

General Business Meeting Pala Casino, May 23, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Hobbs at 10:00 a.m. Rob Wilson led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance and Donnis Hobbs gave the invocation.

Secretary Report

The minutes of the meeting on January 11, 2019 were posted on the website. Jim Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes and Curt Curtis seconded the motion. In the absence of Maureen Bouma, Debbie Holt is filling in for her at this meeting.

Treasurer Report

In the absence of G'Nell De Lack, President Hobbs gave the report. The balance in the checking account is \$7,232.48, savings is \$5052.64 for a total of \$12,285.12. President Hobbs noted that this is about \$350.00 less than the last Treasurer report. Don Baumgart made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, Rob Wilson seconded the motion to approve.

Pendleton Rally September 10-15, 2019

George McKiernan gave an update on the rally in Pendleton, Oregon. He has received 31 registrations and has only 5 spots left. He has tickets for the events. The rodeo is a ways from the park so we may have to carpool.

There will be two sites for our social area with three catered dinners. Thursday is Mexican, Friday is Chinese and Saturday is BBQ. Breakfasts are on your own. There will be a golf tournament on Friday and tours have been arranged for the Pendleton Underground and the Pendleton Mills.

Most of the members have signed up to come in early. If you didn't sign up and wish to arrive early, please let George know as soon as possible as spaces are going quickly. If you are coming early and want to go to the Professional Bull Riding event on Monday and Tuesday before the rally, tickets will be available online on June 6 for \$55.

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..

Monaco International (MI) approached Susan at the MI rally in Las Vegas last month and asked if Romers would do a rally within a rally for any interested MI members who could attend Indio. Susan will be sending MI the rally application to post on their website.

Richard and Shirley Burr and Juan Marquez and Debbie Holt volunteered to help Susan with set-up and food prep at the rally.

Rally Director Report

In the absence of Vice President Duncan Holt, President Hobbs gave his report. Other than the 2020 Indio rally there are no other firm plans for 2020. Donnis Hobbs said she and Marsha Taylor were trying to put something together but have no definite information to share as yet. Stephen encouraged all of us to be thinking of hosting a rally in 2020.

Marsha said that Jim McPheters has put together a simplified list of past rallies by city and state that she will add to the end of the member roster as a possible planning tool for future rallies.

FMCA Director Report

Larry Johnson gave a report on past and future rallies. At the Monaco International(MI) Rally in Las Vegas last month there were 27 Romer coaches! MI's membership has dramatically declined from 994 at its peak to 135 today.

Larry reported that FMCA has made a few minor changes. Clubs can elect to combine the Secretary and Treasurer positions and lowered the minimum membership size to 15.

The 100th FMCA rally will be held in Minot, North Dakota on August 14-17, 2019. Neither FMCA Director, Larry Johnson or Alternate Director, Jim McPheters can attend to represent the Romers. Jim and Susan Lewis will to be our delegates for the FMCA rally in Minot to represent the Romers and vote in the FMCA election of officers.

Monaco International is holding a pre-rally in Rapid City, SD August 6-10, 2019. MI Balloon Festival is October 9-13, 2019. Currently there is a waiting list for spots.

Membership Report

Marsha Taylor, Membership Chair reported that there are now 89 members. Dick and Shirley Burr are attending this rally as first-timers.

Marsha said anyone who wants their email address added to the roster to let her know. She will also have new Romer window placards printed & laminated at a cost of \$3.00. Let her know if you need one.

Merchandise

Our new member, Shirley Burr has stepped up to take over the merchandising department for Marsha. Shirley asked for our patience as she gets up to speed. About a month before each rally an announcement will be emailed out to see if anyone wants to order merchandise. Shirley will look into the possibility of Port Authority

New Officer Elections

tions

An election for the Officers of the Monaco Romers Club will be held at the Pendleton Rally in September 2019. If you are interested in any position, please contact one of the Nominating Committee members below:

Tom Getzfrid, Chairman Karen Harms Susan Lewis Don Strelic Rob Wilson Rules for the election of Officers are outlined in our By-laws. If you have questions about the duties of an office, call or email Officers using phone numbers and email addresses on page 9. Current Officers are:

Stephen Hobbs, President
Duncan Holt, Vice President
Maureen Bouma, Secretary
G'Nell DeLack, Treasurer
Larry Johnson, National Director
Jim McPheters, Alternate National Director

brand jackets, like the ones Monaco used to give out.

Newsletter

In the absence of Nancy Holt, Marsha Taylor let us know that Nancy would like all Officer reports for the newsletter to be sent to her quickly.

Sunshine and Showers

Jo Anne Curtis gave us a detailed report asking for our prayers for our several of our fellow Romers. Please see her report in this newsletter.

Susan Lewis made a recommendation that instead of having to wait until a rally to hear that someone was ill, perhaps we could get a message between meetings. Marsha Taylor said she would be happy to send out a blast to all members if she is made aware of anything.

Old Business

Rob Wilson reminded the group that Elections will be held at the Business Meeting in September at our Pendleton, OR Rally and anyone that would like to step up for Office should contact the nominating committee: Headed up by Tom Getzfrid, members incl. Karen Harms, Susan Lewis, Don Strellic & Rob Wilson. This is a great way for our newer members to get involved with the club.

New Business

Dominic Oliveira led us in a round of applause to the Pagano's for hosting such a wonderful evening in their beautiful home.

Donnis Hobbs led us in a round of applause for our Rally Masters Bill Beckley and Joanne Bush and Don and Layne Strelic for all of their hard work in putting together this great rally. Thanks also to Norma Preston who handled all the finances.

Susan Lewis and Dianne Wilson presented a special award to Karenann Evans. She and her husband Bob, have been members since 1999 and Karenann was Treasurer for 9 years. While they are no longer motor-homing, they are still emeritus members of the Romers. Susan and Dianne presented Karenann with a special plaque in appreciation for her dedication to the Monaco Romers.

The meeting was at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Holt, Acting Secretary



MONACO ROMERS **Pendleton Rodeo Round-Up**

Wild Horse Casino RV Park 45510 Wild Horse Blvd, Pendleton Oregon 97801 Exit I-84 **Rally Dates** Arrival Tues. Sept 10th 2019, Depart Sunday Sept 15th 2019

Highlights:Tuesday 10th- Heavy Hors de oeuvres,

Weds. 11th - First Day of Rodeo and BBQ dinner afterward

Thurs. 12th – Tours of Woolen Mills and Underground Pendleton , Mexican dinner

Fri. 13th - Downtown Non-Motorized Parade, Tour Indian Museum, Chinese dinner **Golf Tournament, Prizes**

Sat. 14th - Last Day of Rodeo, A day on your own, BBQ dinner

Name:		
Address:		
City:	State: _	Zip Code:
Phone #	Cell Phone #	Email:
Coach Length:	No. Slides: First Ro	mer Rally: Yes No
Confirmation: Mail H	old Golf Handicap	_ &
F.M.C.A. # and if guest, Romer Sponsor Name:		
Rally Coach – 2 people: Extra Person: Extra Nights per night Golf/Box Lunch # X	\$100.00 \$66.00	Make checks payable to: G'Nell DeLack 5014 W. Highland Dr. Coeur d'Alene, ID. 83814
Total Amount Submitted		Additional Comments First 36 Rigs, 18 early sites reserved Deadline: July 4 th 2019 for Rodeo

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