



## SOUTH LOAFERS NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wednesday, October 24 - Sunday, October, 28, 2007 Outing to Pahrump, NV

Wagon Masters - Jim & Vonnie Beard

Co-Wagon Masters - Pete & Roseanne Halpin

Do to the high winds and the fires in Southern California, several people, including Vonnie and I, arrived late to the Pahrump outing. Thanks to the co-wagon masters all was going well by the time we arrived. The park area where they put our group was perfect. Lots of grass and trees to meet under or just set and talk all day (and we did). We could have not ordered better weather.

By Thursday all 28 rigs were present and accounted for with the following in attendance:

Jim & Vonnie Beard

Al & Ernestine Blattler

Jon & Barbara Zedekar & Guest

Larry & LeeDelle Kasper

Dick & Judy Marley

Don & Jan Wallace

Gary & Beverly Almada

William & Myrna Durr

Joe & Shirley Beemer

Andrew & Brenda Bober

Dave & Chris Ela

Howard & Barbara Stucker

Richard St.Clair & Carol Hill

Rudy & Joy Malik

Pete & Roseanne Halpin

Bob & Charlene Kortgard

Dick & Virginia Brubaker

Don & Nancy Gentry

Thomas & Christine Upton

Larry & Shirley York

Bruce & Joanne Stupy

Tim & Rhonda Dean

Mike & Kathleen Stinson \*

Jim & Carol Vandepas

Frank & Jane Davies

Al & Donna Mello \*

Hal & Debbie Pigusch

Bob Hill

\* New club Members

The Lake Side Club House/Recreation Building we used for several of our meals was very nice; clean with very good cooking facilities and plenty of room for all 56 people. Each morning Vonnie and Roseanne offered coffee and hot rolls at our rig (under the trees). Friday evening, we had our wagon master dinner of Spitini (breaded bottom round steak thinly cut with bacon, onion, and bay leaves on a skewer barbecued with a lemon and lots of garlic sauce applied at your own risk), vegetables, salad and desert. Carol Vandepas and Jane Davies came to our house to help Vonnie prepare the 58 skewers of meat, a special Thank You is needed. Saturday morning, was the wagon master breakfast of eggs (Ernestine volunteered 5 dozen and cooked a total of 10 dozen, and they were even served hot), sausage, potatoes, croissant, fruit, orange juice, and coffee. Last but not least Saturday evening was the Chapter pot luck and we had to many items to remember. Bottom line, if you went home hungry after this outing you had no one to blame but yourself. Several of the rigs had some problems. Pete Halpin helped both the Beemer's and Durr's with their electrical

problems and the local RV repair shop helped the Marley's with their canopy problem. Andrew Bober's back went out (he missed all the good food) but thanks to the Gentry's and Stupy's driving their rig home for them they all return home safe and sound. Andrew was walking around at the end of the outing just before they left for home (hope it is going better for you Andrew). This is another good example of what this club is all about; THANK YOU Gentry's, and Stupy's.

During the club meeting, Vonnie and Virginia Brubaker volunteered to get nominees for our elections in January. They found several people willing to step up to the plate, the more help we get the easier the job is for everyone, so please volunteer. Also, several people as noted on the attached outing sheet have volunteered to be wagon masters for future outings.

Those willing to run for an office are:

President:

Jim Beard

National Board of Directors:

Thomas & Christine Upton

Bob Hill

Vice President:

Jim Vandepas

Dick Marley

Barbara Zedekar

National Board of Directors Alternatives:

Al & Ernestine Blattler

Tim & Rhonda Dean

Secretary/Treasurer

Charlene Kortgard

If you would like to add your name to any of these offices, please contact Jim. Elections will be held at Quartzsite in January. You need to be present to vote.

The flyers/registration forms for the 2008 Alfa National Rally in Montgomery TX (April 16 - 22, 2008) were distributed. By now ALL MEMBERS having an email address should have received these forms. It should be noted that there are only 200 sites reserved and they are on a first come first serve bases. If the Mesa, AZ rally was a good example of the number of rigs going to the Texas rally, there will be no empty sites. So get your paper work in NOW.

Based on information received from our web site hosting organization, each chapter member can have their own email site at no additional cost. Addresses would be something like "[jimbeard@alfasouthloafers.com](mailto:jimbeard@alfasouthloafers.com)". If chapter members are interested I can check it out and learn how to set it up. Please let me know as I'm always looking for additional information and ideas that can be added to this website to help our chapter members and those using the site. If anyone has any suggestion, information, website address, pictures, places to visit, or helpful organizations that I can add to our website, please do not hesitate to write me at my e-mail address posted on the front page.

Thanks to the high number of chapter members present and with the efforts of Pete Halpin and Barbara Zedekar selling 50/50 tickets, the chapter received \$150.00 and two club members (Dick Brubaker and Joy Malik) each received \$75.00 (based on the high dollar amount it was voted to split the drawing between two members). On that note, again based on the high number of chapter members present, the wagon master fee of \$10.00 per person paid the food bill. Thereby we did not need the money available as outline in the Customs and Procedures. The best surprise of all was the sheriff. My wife never told me that it was Jim Vandepas and he did a excellent job collecting \$16.75 in fines.

In closing, thank you for your support and those who volunteered their help. This is what makes good memories. I look forward to seeing all of you at our next outing.

Jim Beard, President

# **Minutes of Pahrump, Nevada Meeting October 27, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President, Jim Beard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Howard Stucker.

Jim introduced the officers of the club and new members, Mike & Kathleen Stinson and Al & Donna Mello.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed.

The treasure's report was given and approved as read.

## **Sunshine Report**

Joyce McDowell is not doing well. We need to remember her in our prayers.

Howard & Barbara Stucker celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Jim & Vonnie Beard celebrated their 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and Al & Ernestine Blattler celebrated their 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Those having birthdays are: Barbara Zedekar, Bev Almada, Rudy Malik, Joe Beemer, and Pete Halpin.

## **National Board of Directors**

Alternatives to the National Board, Al & Ernestine Blattler, represented the South Loafers at the Board meeting.

The 2008 National Rally will be held April 16-22 at Lake Conroe/Houston KOA (formerly Havens Landing) in Montgomery, TX. Two hundred sites have been reserved. It is suggested that you get your reservation forms in as soon as possible.

The request for minor repairs form is included in the reservation packet. The deadline for repair requests to be turned in is February 28, 2008. An RV Service will be available at the Rally for major repairs.

It was decided that they are going to give away the Rally baskets first. It was suggested that each Rally basket contain a card with the name of the Chapter, and the name of the President and Secretary of the Chapter. Most prizes this year will consist of gift cards.

The Rally will have a 50's theme. Each Chapter will have a 50's costume contest and the Chapter winner will compete with the other Chapter winners. A gum blowing contest and a hula hoop contest have been scheduled. There will possibly be a classic car show.

The Rally price includes 4 dinners. Chapter dinner and facilities are also available from the caterers.

There will be a bus tour to the NASA, Johnson Space Center. The price includes the bus fare and entrance into the Center.

To help make the seminars run more smoothly, there will be a moderator at each of the seminars.

If you want to arrive 2 days before or stay 2 days after the Rally, you can stay at the Rally price.

The South Loafers will have a pre-rally April 12-16, 2008 at Rayford Crossing RV Park in Spring, TX. Bob Hill and Frank & Jane Davies are wagon masters. We have 40 sites reserved and the price is \$25.00 per night. The sites are 90% pull through with WIFI, and DirecTV. The park is 25 miles from the site of the Rally. Bob is taking reservations now, so see him and you can pick out your own site. Diane Sowers has volunteered to prepare one meal; if you would like to prepare a meal at the pre-rally, let us know.

The 2009 rally is scheduled for May 20-27, 2009 in Goshen, IN. This is in Amish Country near Elkhart, IN.

The South Loafers are scheduled to host the National Rally in 2011, we need suggestions for places to hold this rally. The park needs to be large enough to handle approximately 250 large rigs with a recreation hall large enough to feed 500+ people.

We also need ideas for the rally gift bags.

## **Old Business**

As a general information for the new members, Jim went over the Chapter uniforms. They are: Badges, to be worn at all group functions; uniforms, black or dark pants, white shirt, yellow vest or jacket; Flags, usually consist of Chapter flag, American flag, and state flag; and Decals, optional.

Our website is now up and running. Club minutes, outing reservation forms, newsletters, etc. will be sent through e-mail. If you wish to receive them through the U.S. Mail, let us know. Please be sure that we have your correct mailing and e-mail addresses.

The website has a links page where you can find service recommendations, campgrounds you have enjoyed and recommend, and other related information.

## **New Business**

Jim appointed a nominating committee for upcoming elections to be held at the Quartzsite outing in January. The nominating committee consists of Vonnie Beard and Virginia Brubaker. If you would like to hold an office of the South Loafers, please contact Vonnie or Virginia. The offices consist of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer (each 1-year term), and the National Board of Directors representative (3-year term).

It was suggested that if you have campground discount passes or tickets, that you do not ask the park to honor them on outing days, as the parks normally give groups over 10 rigs a discount. It was also suggested that those wishing to come in earlier or stay later, make their own reservations for those days.

## **Good of the Chapter**

Chapter flags are \$10.00

American flags are \$5.00

Badges are \$10.00

South Loafer decals are \$5.00

Large Sundancers patches are \$7.00

Club shirts are available from Bruce Mitchell

Club vests are available from Charlene Kortgard at a charge of \$10.00 each.

## **Upcoming Campouts**

- January 16-23, 2008 Quartzsite, AZ  
Wagon masters: Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Bob Hill
- March 6-9, 2008 TBD  
Wagon masters: Don & Jan Wallace and Jon & Barbara Zedekar
- April 12-16, 2008 South Loafers Pre-rally  
Rayford Crossing RV Park  
Spring, TX  
Wagon masters: Bob Hill and Frank & Jane Davies
- April 16-22, 2008 National Rally  
Lake Conroe/Houston KOA  
Montgomery, TX
- July 23-30, 2008 Garlic Festival in Gilroy, CA  
Casa de Fruta Orchard RV Park  
Hollister, CA  
Wagon masters: Bob & Charlene Kortgard and Dick & Judy Marley
- August 2008 Railside RV Ranch  
Williams, AZ  
Wagon masters: Gary & Bev Almada and Al & Donna Mello
- October 2008 Terrible's Lakeside Casino & RV Park  
Pahrump, NV  
Wagon masters: Dave & Chris Ela and Al & Ernestine Blattler

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Kortgard  
Secretary/Treasurer

