



SOUTH LOAFERS NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wednesday, August 15 – Monday, August 20, 2007

Outing to Railside RV Ranch, Williams, AZ.

Wagon Masters: Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Jim & Vonnie Beard

After a somewhat long drive on Tuesday, Vonnie & I returned to the first park that we visited 2 years ago with good memories as new members of the South Loafers club. The weather could have not been better if you had ordered it (little rain and breeze each day except for Wednesday, and I found a window leak). Upon our arrival Bruce & Corrine were looking down-and-out as they only had one of their two slides open. Bruce was hoping the repair person had a trick up his sleeve, but it was not to be (the controller went out). After more time on the phone than I can imagine, Bruce got a controller ordered for overnight shipping to the park. The looks on their faces cranking out the slide said it all. Finally Corinne had her kitchen back (I thought we might be going hungry or have to really start camping).

By Wednesday evening all rigs were present and accounted for with the following in attendance:

Gary & Bev Almada

Dan & Nancy Gentry

Bruce & Corinne Mitchell

Don & Jan Wallace

Jim & Vonnie Beard

Bob & Charlene Kortgard

Hal & Debbie Pigusch

Jon & Barbara Zedekar

Andy & Brenda Bober

Dick & Judy Marley

Bruce & Joanne Stupy

Bruce & Bonnie Staggs were camp hosting at the Grand Canyon so they stopped by for a couple of visits with us. Honorary members, Jerry & Jan Strawn were on their way to Colorado, so they spent some time with us, and we welcomed new members, Cliff and Christina Sharp, who were also in the park and decided to join our club.

On Wednesday, Bruce & Corinne and Vonnie and I went to Flagstaff to do the grocery shopping (the sheriff got us Sunday for that one, as everyone was arriving and we were not present to help; won't do that again). That evening during happy hour, Bruce & Corrine filled us in on this outing's coming events and some minor changes in the schedule. Tamera, the park owner/operator, was present and she explained some of the park features and coming events. I need to say that they are some of the nicest park owners you could find. Always waving and saying hello to all and best of all had some real special discount tickets for their guests to use.

Thursday, was a free/open day for all (no sheriff today). Many of us took the very nice drive and went to the IMAX presentation near the south entry to Grand Canyon. We got the best seats (in the middle) and the presentation was outstanding. If you have not seen it, please do so. The flying scenes were almost too real as I had to look down to make sure I was still sitting in my seat (yes, probably a little dizzy to). Several others took the train to the Grand Canyon and reported having a very nice day. However, the train broke down on the way back and they returned very late that evening (guess they got their nickels worth). Last but not least Gary Alameda's truck broke down and had to be towed to the dealership in Flagstaff and he had to rent a car. Luckily they live close enough that they were able to go home on Friday and retrieved their own car. When we left on Monday he still did not have his truck but later was advised he picked it up on Wednesday.

Friday, morning we took advantage of the parks continental breakfast (egg burrito, fruit, cereal, pastries, orange juice, and coffee). Bruce & Corrine found their refrigerator was not working on electric but did work on gas. Midday one of our Honorary members, Jerry & Jan Strawn, arrived on their way to a reunion in Colorado with friends they met on their Mexico trip. It was good to see them and to be brought up to date as to their plans. They stayed in a local motel until Sunday so they could spend more time with us as they do not have their rig anymore and have moved into their new home. Saturday they brought some pictures of their Mexico trip to show me. The pictures showed a very interesting and memorable trip. Vonnie & I can hardly wait for our turn to go traveling. That evening, dodging rain drizzles we all had a very good dinner.

Saturday, we started the day with a pancake breakfast. Bruce installed his new controller (but it didn't work after all that) and some of us had to find and fix water leaks. There was a car show in town and many of us went to see it. There was no shortage of good old cars to see and memories to relive.

Do to several of our club members having to leave us on Sunday, after dinner on Saturday night we had the sheriff report and 50/50 drawing. The Sheriff collected \$10 in fines and Vonnie won the 50/50 drawing of \$70; she will not share it with me. Good laughs were had by all.

Sunday, Bruce switched two wires on new controller and the slide started working again; however, an email from home stated it did not work when he got home, at least he did not have to hand crank it in to get home. The day was spent leisurely as we shared stories of outings and future plans. Sunday evening we went to the local pizza parlor for dinner.

Monday, most of us had to leave and head for home. It was very warm in Needles when we got there (100+). I hope all of you who made the effort to come on this outing enjoyed it as much as Vonnie and I.

In closing, again thank you for your support and good memories, and I look forward to seeing all of you at our next outing in Pahrump.

Jim Beard, President

Minutes of Williams, Arizona Meeting August 18, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by President, Jim Beard.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Strawn.

Jim introduced the officers of the club; new members, Cliff & Christina Sharp; and Honorary members, Jerry & Jan Strawn.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed.

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

Sunshine Report

Joyce McDowell has began treatment for her bladder cancer. She has had a catheter inserted into her left kidney. The procedure was successful and the kidney is draining well. She has began her chemo treatments. The full course of chemo will take about 4 months. Her spirits are high and she has a good outlook. We wish her well.

Shirley Beemer had a medical procedure last week.

Barbara Zedekar will be having a medical procedure next week.

National Board of Directors

This was the last club meeting that Bruce & Corinne Mitchell will be representing the South Loafers as our representative to the Board of Directors. They have been elected as President and Secretary of the Board. Alternatives, Al & Ernestine Blattler, will represent the South Loafers until our elections in January.

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.

There will be a 50's theme activity with possibly a classic car show.

There will be a bus tour to the Johnson Space Center.

The South Loafers will have a pre-rally April 12-16, 2008 at Rayford Crossing RV Park in Spring, TX. We have 40 sites reserved and the price is \$25.00 per night. Bob Hill and Frank & Jane Davies are wagon masters. Diane Sowers has volunteered to prepare one meal; if you would like to prepare a meal at the pre-rally, let is 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

At our last meeting, a suggestion was made that we do not wear our club vests at chapter outings; only at the National Rally. The consensus of those responding was that we continue wearing club uniforms at our club outings; therefore the Customs and Procedures pertaining to uniforms will remain as written.

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 e-mail address.

New Business

The 2008 Rally Basket theme is "Deep in the Heart of Texas". There is no limit on the number of baskets that a chapter can have.

Bruce sends out e-mails regarding information pertaining to our members as he hears them so we personally can send out get well cards, sympathy cards, etc. in addition to the cards sent by the Sunshine person.

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

October 24-28, 2007 Terrible's Lakeside Casino & RV Park
Parhump, NV
Wagon masters: Jim & Vonnie Beard and Pete & Roseanne Halpin

January 16-23, 2008 Quartzsite, AZ
Wagon masters: Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Bob Hill

March 6-9, 2008 Pechanga RV Resort/Casino
Temecula, CA
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

June 2008 TBD
Wagon masters:

July 23-30, 2008 Garlic Festival in Gilroy, CA
Casa de Fruta Orchard RV Park
Holister, CA
Wagon masters: Bob & Charlene Kortgard and Dick & Judy Marley

August 2008 TBD
Wagon masters:

October 2008 TBD
Wagon masters:

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlene Kortgard
Secretary/Treasurer