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## SOUTH LOAFERS NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE PRESIDENT

The August camp out was held in Williams, AZ from August 24-31st. The wagon masters were Gary & Bev Almada with co-wagon masters Dave & Chris Ela.

The Almada's and Ela's set the tone for the camp out with Gary & Bev having a flat tire on the way to Williams; not to be out done, Dave & Chris' truck broke down just outside of Williams. There were an additional three flat tires, a broken front jack, and a non-working slide out.

There were 14 rigs present with the following in attendance:

Gary & Bev Almada

Jim & Vonnie Beard

Dave & Chris Ela

Dean & Joyce Fisher

Bob & Barbara Frushon

Bob & Charlene Kortgard

Jon & Barbara Zedekar

Dick & Betty Polenske

Howard & Barbara Stucker

Jerry & Jan Strawn

Bill & Joan Weaver

Pete & Roseanne Halpin

Al & Ernestine Blattler

Jack & Janeen Spratt (Guests of the Zedekars)

The weather was very nice, in the 75 to 80's during the day and cool nights and no rain.

The wagon masters got us off to a good start each day with fresh fruit, rolls, juice, and coffee. We had cocktail hour every night (some times more than an hour). Friday night was a pot luck with lots of good food. Saturday was the wagon master's dinner with hamburgers and all the trimmings. Sunday morning we were treated to a sausage and pancake breakfast, with Gary and Dave doing the flipping and Bev and Chris serving.

Sunday night we all went out to a local steak house for dinner.

Williams is located on the old Route 66 highway and has lots of western shops and stores to browse in.

Monday was a free day. Five couples took the 2-hour train ride to the Grand Canyon; with shoot outs, train holdups, and country western singers making the trip enjoyable. The trip just allows you time to eat lunch and get a few looks and photos of the canyon before its time to catch the train for the return trip.

Tuesday was another free day; some rigs headed home with two leaving without spare tires. Wednesday the remaining five rigs left.

Even with all the equipment problems, we had a good time talking with new and old friends and missing those who couldn't make it.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Dean Fisher. He received \$38 and \$38 went to the chapter. The Sheriff, Bill Weaver, collected \$7.00 in fines.

# **Minutes of Williams, AZ Meeting August 27, 2005**

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by President, Al Blattler

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by wagon master, Gary Almada

Al welcomed new members: Jim & Vonnie Beard, Robert & Barbara Frushon, Howard & Barbara Stucker, and Jack & Jeanne Spratt who were guests of the Zedekars.

The Minutes of the last meeting were approved as mailed.

The treasure's report was given and the treasury has a balance of \$1,653.01.

## **Sunshine Report**

Ralph Hatcher is on oxygen 24/7 and not doing very well. Pat Hill is still waiting for a liver transplant, and Candy Taylor is recovering from surgery.

Update on Ralph Hatcher (9/7/05). The lung tumor is back and they can do no more chemo. They give him 2 to 4 months. He is in good spirits and would like to hear from his friends. You can call him at 714/801-4624.

## **National Board of Directors**

No report.

## **Old Business**

Flags are available for \$10.00.

Badges are \$10.00.

The South Loafer decals are \$5.00.

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

Barbara Stucker has volunteered to be our Historian. If you have any memorabilia or pictures of the club, please see Barbara.

## **New Business**

Next years rally will be held in Palm Springs, April 19-26, 2006.

A motion was passed to eliminate the March 2006 outing and replace it with a pre-rally; date and place to be determined.

There was a discussion as to when the new officers should take office; at the rally or before. It was tabled until the next outing.

It was decided that the wagon master should see that new members receive a temporary badge. There will be a place on the camp out registration form to indicate they are new members.

### **Upcoming Camp Outs**

- ✓ October 26-30      Pachanga  
Wagon masters: Bob & Diane Sowers and Don & Jan Wallace
  
- January 18-25, 2006      Quartzite  
Wagon masters: Bruce & Corinne Mitchell and Dick & Virginia Brubaker
  
- Pre-Rally      Date and place to be determined.  
Wagon masters: Al & Ernestine Blattler and Bob & Sandi Goodwin
  
- April 19-26, 2006      National Rally  
Palm Springs, California
  
- August 2006      Dunsmuir, CA  
Wagon masters: Bill & Joan Weaver and Jon & Barbara Zedekar
  
- October 2006      TBD  
Wagon masters: Joe & Shirley Beemer and Bill & Dorene Sims

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charlene Kortgard  
Secretary/Treasurer