

WHAT'S KRUISSING

THE KOMFORT KRUISERS NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2010

KAMPING AT KENNEY GROVE

BY DAWN IBARRA

Kenney Grove is camping under the stars in a beautiful grove of eucalyptus and coastal live oaks and it is very rustic. It also means no TV reception for most of us. Jim Rankin loves to watch TV so his wife Kaye took advantage of the situation and made a romantic dinner for 2 in their rig, complete with wine and candles. The rest of the gang joined them at their rig after dinner to enjoy the sounds of nature, share a glass of wine and catch up on what's been happening with everyone.

On Friday, the park had no water for a while but it was quickly restored by the afternoon. Good thing, as the Ibarras wouldn't have stayed too long without water. No sewer and no water = no camping for them. Art and Hildie Leseberg drove out from Ventura to visit us and Art Bjornestad dropped by for dinner too. Art and Hildie are getting geared up for their cruise to Hawaii with Lindy and Carol McGrane at the end of this month. Yummy appetizers were served while we battled the bugs. Little black gnats were driving everyone crazy. Jeff pulled out his handy-dandy electronic bug-a-nator (aka bug zapper.) The guys started keeping score, Jeff Newby zapped two, Art Bjornestad fried three and might-man Gary Saar killed two with his bare hands. It's amazing what keeps us entertained, for 15 minutes we watched a moth out smart the bug light Jeff left on the table. We were warned to watch out for the bee hive located in the hollow of a tree not far from where we were gathered. When the rain started to fall, we all headed back to our coaches. Luckily, it was only a little shower. Jeff and Trish Newby were hosts to Gary who fought with Bubba the dog over who would get to sleep on their sofa. Gary is hoping to get his coach back in a couple of weeks.

On Saturday morning, the wagon masters served a continental breakfast of muffins and yogurt. The business meeting started at 10 AM. Jeff announced that Shirley Donald has resigned as our National Director, and Debbie Bamer, our current Alternate National Director, has accepted the position of National Director for another club that she and Lonnie belong to that is closer to their home in Washington. So, we are looking for volunteers for those two positions. FMCA rules dictate that members of the same family cannot hold these offices in the concurrently. Any

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Big game hunter, Jeff Newby



50/50 winners, Linda and Larry



Our clubhouse in the rain!

volunteers? If you'd like to help us out, please call Jeff Newby. During the business meeting, Sue Walker acknowledged the club's officers for all the hard work they have put in to make the club successful. A special thanks was given to Dawn for writing the newsletters when Kathe Riha isn't able to attend the meetings. A big thanks to Kathe from Dawn Ibarra for returning the favor and writing her minutes when she's not there.

All morning, everyone was saying it felt like it was going to rain again. The sky was a little gray and threatening. Not long after the meeting ended, we heard the crack of thunder and it started to rain. The thunder and lightening was pretty intense for a while and the lights flickered in the coach. But it was all over in about 45 minutes and the sun came out just in time for Jim to set up his golf game. A few of us tried to hit whiffle balls into a basket across the street. Jim and Bob Walker were the only ones who were able to do it.

The harvest stew, prepared by the Grist, was wonderful along with the delicious artisan breads they served! Other harvest goodies were a pumpkin and an apple pie. Linda Troutman made a pumpkin dessert that had a pecan crust. It was a bit hit and she promised to share the recipe. Jim and Betty De Graffenreid, who we first met at the Pismo 2009 outing, were at the park with the Elks. They stopped by after dinner to say hello. Linda and Larry Troutman won \$76.00 in the 50/50 drawing. They can't make it the Emerald Desert outing so Mac and Mina Brown will be selling the tickets for them. No one played any games, it was pretty dark out there.

Everyone said their good-byes and left Sunday morning after breakfast. It was a quick get-away since there was no sewer to dump. Another fantastic outing with our good friends. Thank you Bill, Diane and Gary! Hope to see everyone at Emerald Desert for a Spooktacular outing!



Tech Talk

Jerry's friend owns a 2007 Bounder. When they heard grinding and banging sounds, they looked under the rig and found that the brace between the chassis and the box had cracked. (See Photos) This brace can be seen when you look under the front wheel well on either side of the rig. The design is in both the Workhorse and the Ford chassis. They took it in to the shop and had the bracket reinforced and re-welded for \$340.00. It may just be a Fleetwood design flaw, but it's worth taking a look no matter what kind of rig you have.

Linda Troutman gave us some good hints on how to keep our coaches cooler while stored since it can get up to 120' inside and cause the wood to dry out quicker. Use aluminum quilted material to cover the skylights and windows. An expandable rod, like the ones used in the refrigerator, will hold the aluminum quilt in place.



The cracked brace



The repair

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

KENNEY GROVE

Fillmore, CA

OCTOBER 1 – 3, 2010



WAGON MASTERS

Bill & Diane Grist
Gary Saar

ATTENDEES:

Mac & Mina Brown, Richard & Dawn Ibarra, Jerry Keller, Jeff & Trish Newby, Ralph McCarthy, Jim & Kaye Rankin, Larry & Linda Troutman, Bob & Sue Walker

CALL TO ORDER:

The business meeting of the Komfort Cruisers was called to order by Jeff Newby, President, at 10:04 AM on October 2, 2010 in Fillmore, CA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Dawn Ibarra announced that the minutes from the September 11, 2010 meeting will be amended to reflect the correct treasurer's report ending balance of \$7614.69 as of 8/31/10. The minutes were approved as written with the correction. A motion to file the minutes was made by and seconded by Linda Troutman & Ralph McCarthy. Motion was carried by majority vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Tina Lee, Treasurer, submitted the treasurer's report. The treasurer's report from last month will be amended in the minutes to reflect the correct report. A motion to file the amended minutes was made by Gary and seconded by Linda Troutman. Motion was carried by majority vote.

Opening balance as of 9/1/10:

\$7614.69

Income:	50/50	\$0.00		
	Park Fees-Chula Vista	\$143.00		
	Park Fees-Emerald Desert	\$110.00		
	Park Fees-Kenney Grove	\$624.00		
	Park Fees-Pismo	\$143.00		
Total Income:			\$1020.00	
Expenses:	Bank Charge	\$3.00		
	Member refunds	\$156.00		
	Supplies, Pismo	\$55.93		
	Greeting Cards	\$44.92		
	Pismo Sands	\$1835		
	Canyon RV 2011	\$700.00		
Total Expenses:			\$2794.85	
Ending balance as of 9/30/10:				\$5839.84
	Total future camp fees paid:	\$3761.00		
	Pismo Sands income:	\$2100.00		
	Pismo Sands expenses to date:	\$1990.93		
	Difference	\$109.07		

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FMCA NEWS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

The 2011 WHMA Oktoberfest will be held in Hemet September 30, 2011 – October 3, 2011. We are currently scheduled to be in Hemet October 7 – 9, 2011 and the current schedule will remain as is.

Jeff said that the Komfort Kruiser's website has had a little less traffic this past month – about 8,000 hits.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new treasurer, Jerry Keller, will go over the books to determine the club's fixed annual expenses and will work with Jeff to come up with a budget for 2011. Outing expenses and park negotiations have caused us some losses this year. The club pays for the New Year's Eve dinner (\$500.00 - \$800.00) and the parks are requiring larger deposits to reserve spaces for future outings. The club needs the money in reserve to pay for these expenses. Linda Troutman suggested putting most of the money in an interest-bearing savings account and transferring funds as needed. Jerry & Jeff will look into the feasibility of doing that but the interest is very minimal. Mac Brown stated that we need to still be mindful of the costs for the weekends and be careful not to price some rigs out of the outings. Concern was also expressed about how much money we could have in the bank and still maintain our non-profit status. Someone thought it was 6-month operating costs.

OFFICER ELECTIONS:

Updated officer elections:

President – Jeff Newby

1st Vice President – Richard Ibarra

2nd Vice President – Art Bjornestad

Secretary – Dawn Ibarra

Treasurer – Jerry Keller

Board of Directors – Lindy McGrane, Larry Troutman, Teresa O'Leary & Ken Roberts

National Director – TBA

Alternate National Director – TBA

Debbie Bamer has resigned as our Alternate National Director because she has accepted the National Director's position for another club closer to her home in Washington.

ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Gary Saar, seconded by Ralph McCarthy and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Dawn Ibarra

Dawn Ibarra, Secretary
Komfort Kruisers