

# WHAT'S KRUISSING

## THE KOMFORT KRUISERS NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2010

### FUN IN THE SHADE

Our August rally was held at Canyon RV Resort under the beautiful shade trees of Featherly Park in Anaheim. Our Wagon Masters, the Lonquist and Art Bjornestad, selected the perfect place for an old fashioned summer camp out. We spent a wonderful weekend in the great outdoors.

By Friday afternoon, all thirteen rigs had arrived and we met for happy hour and hors d'oeuvres on the grassy site next to the Lonquist's coach. The men carried picnic tables from nearby sites to accommodate the crowd. The array of homemade goodies was delicious. After dinner we circled the chairs round the campfire and visited with our friends until the stars came out.

On Saturday morning we were treated to a great pancake and sausage breakfast prepared by the Wagon Masters and their very capable assistants, the Lonquist grandchildren. Brennan and Nathan were visiting from Las Vegas with their Oregon cousins, Shaelyn and Cassidy. The kids were very helpful all weekend and wonderful addition to our group.

After breakfast we had a couple of welcome visitors. Jeff Newby, who is still recovering from an elbow surgery and isn't able to drive his coach, arrived in time to for the Business meeting. Ralph McCarthy took a break from his new hobby of swing dancing to join us as well. It was great to see both of their smiling faces!

Saturday night the Wagon Masters and assistants grilled hamburgers and hot dogs for dinner. The rest of us provided the side dishes and desserts.



The clubhouse!



How many pancakes would you like?



Who are all these people?

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While we were waiting for the grills to heat up we played cards and colored the paper fans that were set up on the picnic tables. Luckily it was cool enough that the fans were just for decorating!



After dinner the campfire was blazing and the fixings for the some-mores were passed out. What is a camping trip without flaming marshmallows and melted chocolate!

On Sunday morning we gathered for a light breakfast before heading for home. Thank you to our Wagon Masters for a great weekend. We all agree that this is one of our favorite places to camp and we are looking forward to coming back next year.



## BLOWOUT WARNING by GARY SAAR

Well folks, as most of you know by now I had a blowout on my right front tire on the way home from Canyon RV Park. The tire exploded into the passenger space, broke through the 5/8" wood floorboard and ripped the carpet. I was so very grateful that I did not have a passenger in that seat when the blowout occurred at 65 MPH.

As you can see from these pictures, the legs and feet of a passenger would not have fared well at all. When the Good Sam Road Service man arrived, he checked the DOT code on the tires and they were manufactured in 2002. Generally, motorhome tires should be changed between 5 and 7 years of age.

My coach will be out of commission for about five weeks. It is over at Benchmark for a \$15,000 repair. I was able to control the coach without taking any other vehicle out for the count.

My closing thought for all this is, no matter how perfect your tires look, don't let them go too long after about 6 years or so. I thought I was pushing it at 7 years, but the sad fact in checking the date codes, they were actually 2002...8 years!!

*Editors Note: Jeff Newby has informed me of a product that can be attached to the wheel's "drop center" that supports the tire and prevents it from falling into the wheel well in the event of a blowout.*

Check out [www.tyron.org](http://www.tyron.org) for more information.





## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

CANYON RV PARK

Anaheim, CA

AUGUST 13 – 15, 2010

### WAGON MASTERS:

Paul & Linda Lonnquist  
Art Bjornestad

### ATTENDEES:

Art Bjornestad, Dave & Jeanne Brown, Larry & Sharon Canfield, Richard & Dawn Ibarra, Jerry Keller, Paul & Linda Lonnquist, Lindy & Carol McGrane, John & Teresa O'Leary, Jim & Kathe Riha, Ken Roberts & Cheryl Braney, Gary Saar, Dan & Cindy Sunderland, Larry & Linda Troutman

### WALK-INS:

Jeff & Trish Newby  
Ralph McCarthy

### CALL TO ORDER:

The business meeting of the Komfort Kruisers was called to order by Jeff Newby, President, at 10:00 AM on August 14, 2010 in Anaheim, CA.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the July 10, 2010 meeting were approved as written with no additions or corrections. A motion to file the minutes was made by Lindy McGrane. Motion was carried by majority vote.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

None

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

None

### FMCA NEWS:

See attached report from Shirley Donald, WHMA Secretary and KK National Director, from the annual FMCA Governing Board meeting in Redmond, OR in August. Three proposed amendments to the bylaws were voted on. The results of that vote are in Shirley's report (attached). The 3 amendments were:

1. Changing the term of office for the executive board. The four nationally elected officers (President, Senior VP, Secretary & Treasurer) would serve one-year terms to a maximum of 3 years. The 10 area VPs would also serve 2-year terms with a maximum of 2 years for President & Senior VP and a maximum of 4 years for the other 12.
  - a. The KK Board discussed the issue and asked Shirley to enter a "no" vote on this amendment. It was felt that the officers would have to spend a majority of their one-year term campaigning for the next term.
2. Changing the fiscal year from the calendar year to a year ending the last day of September. It's believed this will help the budgeting process and have the budget go into effect closer to the approval date which happens at the summer conventions.
  - a. Shirley will enter a "yes" vote for the Komfort Kruisers.
3. Allow election of the nationally elected officers by acclamation if there is only one candidate running for office.
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### OLD BUSINESS:

Art Bjornestad reminded everyone that our Chapter elections will be held in September. All the positions are still open. If you are interested in holding an office, please let Art know as soon as possible so that he can put your name on the ballot. All ballots will go out via e-mail or snail-mail. Please don't forget to vote and return your ballot! Current candidates are:

President – Jeff Newby  
1st Vice President – Richard Ibarra  
2nd Vice President – Open  
Secretary – Dawn Ibarra  
Treasurer – Jerry Keller



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Board of Directors – Lindy McGrane, Larry Troutman, Teresa O’Leary & Ken Roberts  
National Director – Shirley Donald  
Alternate National Director – Debbie Bamer.

Jerry Keller is a new candidate for Treasurer. Jerry has served as the treasurer for a number of organizations. As the Treasurer of the Hughes Water Ski Club and the South Bay Ski Club, he kept and provided detailed information and reports, by trip, for all club events as well as dispensing the appropriate deposits and reimbursement checks. For the last 7 years he’s been the Secretary/Treasurer of his homeowner’s association where he provides detailed monthly treasurer’s reports, prepares the annual treasurer’s report and budget, files the HOA taxes and pays all the bills. His principle tools are Quicken and Excel.

Last month there was a discussion about recruiting new members to our club. Richard Ibarra got the list of FMCA members that expressed an interest in joining a chapter. There were only 5 members on that list and only 2 of them were in So. California. Richard sent them an invitation to our club but he has not heard back from anyone yet.

### NEW BUSINESS:


The 2011 event calendar was reviewed. Instead of going to Pismo Sands in September 2011, we have reservations at Pismo Dunes in July 2011. It has become increasingly more difficult to work with Pismo Sands. Jeff Newby discussed possibly going to Carmel by the River RV Park next year. Rates are \$65-\$70 per night. The club would like to go back to Canyon RV Park in September 2011 but they may be under construction at that time.

Art Bjornestad discussed the Halloween weekend at Emerald Desert RV Resort this October. On Thursday evening there is a buffet at the Agua Caliente Casino. He suggested going there instead of the usual Mexican Restaurant. On Sunday, 10/31/10, the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Cart Parade is planned at the park. Everyone decorates their carts and drives through the park. The day’s events kickoff with a pancake breakfast at 7:00 am and the parade begins at 10 am. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket and a cooler full of snacks. If you are interested in these events, plan to come to the park a day early and stay a day later.

### ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Art Bjornestad, seconded by Linda Troutman and the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by :

  
Dawn Ibarra, Secretary  
Komfort Cruisers



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### NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

8/11/10

The Governing Board Meeting with 291 National Directors (a sufficient quorum) was called to order at 9 AM on 8/11/10 and ended at 2:04 PM. This was the shortest meeting I have ever attended but everything on agenda was accomplished. The 2011 budget of \$9,624,832 which included an expected operating loss of \$91,570 was approved. This is tremendously better than recent years where our deficit approached 2 million dollars. We remain a financially strong organization with cash reserves/investmentsof approximately 7 million (plus property assets), and we are debt free. I feel that the Finance Committeeand the Executive Board had economized as much as possible for the benefit of the organization. As an example of cost cutting methods being used, most committee meetings are conducted via the internet or conference calls. Staff has been cut to “bare bones” and cross-trained. The staff has not received any cost of living or merit pay increases since 1/07 and the FMCA contributions to the employees’ 401(k) plan ceased effective 3/3/09. Reduced the level of funding for staff and volunteer travel expenses. Brought FMCA store in-house (\$60,000 annual savings)

All but one bylaw amendment were approved without problems. This one amendment concerned the term of office of our National Officers. The proposal submitted was to revert to one year terms for all National Officers with the president and senior vice president being able to serve 3 one year terms. This is not what passed. An amending motion was made and passed. Now the president and senior vice president may serve two 2 year terms in a lifetime.

Starting 1/1/11, FMCAssist (replaces Medex), summary and covered items will be published on the FMCA web site along with ID cards. There are 4 parts to the EVAC incident including coverage to the first medical stabilization facility, coverage from the stabilization facility to a major hospital, from the hospital to a recuperation location or home, or care facility near home, or a facility near family. No longer will the address on the driver’s license be used for a determination of “home”. Repatriation of remains will be worldwide, not just in the US. Canadian & Mexican members will be covered. The definition of children has been expanded to include grandchildren & great grandchildren. Motor home returns will include fuel costs with a total \$5000 limit by professional drivers. There is a concierge service. Added to our coverage is a \$1000 AD&D coverage at no extra cost to FMCA. They will also provide “out of country” coverage at a published scale and this coverage is available now (you do not have to wait until 1/1/11for this coverage only).

As a reminder, all chapters must file a form 990 with the IRS each year. We are beginning to recover seeing more new member than what we are losing. Remember you receive \$10 coupon that can be used at Camping World or your FMCA yearly dues for every new member to FMCA you recruit. If I can help any way, please contact me.

Shirley Donald National Director