

WHAT'S KRUISSING

THE KOMFORT KRUISERS NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2011

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

What a great time we had in Paso Robles at the New Years Eve Rally. The food, the friends, and the activities all came together for five fantastic nights at one of the best RV Resorts in California.

By cocktail time on December 28th we were all settled into our spaces at the beautiful Wine Country RV Resort and ready to party. Our Tuesday Wagon Masters, Trish & Jeff Newby and Art Bjornstad and Sylvia Harris welcomed us and we enjoyed great hor d' oeuvres and games this evening.

On Wednesday morning, the next set of Wagon Masters; Dawn & Richard Ibarra, Cindy & John Phillips and Robin & Ray Elliott took over the festivities. They were up early to prepare and serve a hearty breakfast of biscuits and gravy. After this fortification, we set off for an afternoon at the Estrella War Birds Museum. Located just down Airport road, this museum is dedicated to the restoration and preservation of military aircraft and military vehicles. Then we were free to enjoy the pleasures of Paso Robles for the rest of the day. That included some serious wine tasting for many Komfort Krusiers. Paso Robles produces more than forty different varieties of wines in 26,000 acres of vineyards, so we had a lot of exploring to do. So many wineries...so little time.

Back at the clubhouse that evening, we enjoyed a wonderful dinner of lasagna, salad, and garlic bread. For dessert we were treated to do-it-yourself ice cream sundaes. The games came out after dinner; Sequence, Mexican Train, LRC, and of course, with both Steve Peterson and Ray Elliott in the house, Poker!

When we woke up on Thursday, Pam & Jack Kiely had taken over the duties of Wagon Masters. Linda & Larry Troutman stepped in to help them when Lois & Troy Thompson had to cancel due to illness. Glad to hear that Troy is feeling better and will be back soon. Our hosts served a tasty breakfast of yogurt, juice, muffins and bagels. After breakfast, a 1000 piece jig-saw puzzle was brought out for us to work on. It took about 50 adults 5 days to finish. It was really diabolical!

On Thursday afternoon, we gathered at Tobin James Winery for a group tasting and tour. Unfortunately, they were too busy to honor the tour commitment, but no problem, we had a great time and were able to taste, taste, taste. The most popular wine we tasted was called, "Cash Flow."



Welcome, loyal subjects!



It's nice, but I'm a Ford man myself.



I'm waiting for the Medic!



Jump into our pool



Toasting the cookies.



I not sure what it is, but Art and Jeff both bid on it.



The last piece!



Happy New Year!

All photos courtesy of Dawn Ibarra. Thanks again, Dawn, they really tell the story!

For dinner that night our Wagon Masters made baked ham with scalloped potatoes. Thank you to all of those Komfort Kruisers who jumped in and helped the Kielys prepare this dinner. Many delicious side dishes, salads and desserts were also prepared by the members to make this a really special meal.

When we arrived at the clubhouse Friday morning, we were served a tasty egg casserole, friendship fruit salad, juice and english muffins. Our Wagon Masters this day were Mina & Mac Brown, Diane & Bill Grist, and Kathe & Jim Riha. The recipe for this casserole was printed in the March 2010 issue of the Kruisin.

At 3:00 Jeff announced that the silent auction was set up and the bidding began. There were many "treasures" this year, all to be auctioned off for the benefit of the club.

At 7:00 PM when we arrived for the New Years Eve festivities, the clubhouse had been decorated and transformed into a winter wonderland for us. Gary Saar set up his camera for the traditional photos of the members in their New Year's finery.

For New Years Eve dinner we were served a catered barbecue dinner with chicken, ribs, beef, beans salad, and garlic bread from Bubba's BBQ. It was so delicious we booked them again for next year. Everyone cheered at the news!

The auction was a great success. Good thing the Bamers have a big coach to take home all the stuff Debbie bought. The most popular item was a giant stuffed bear that went home with the Troutmans. Don't worry if you didn't get to take home the treasure you wanted, it just might be back next year.

After the auction, it was Bingo games with Jim and Mac calling the numbers until just before midnight. Then it was time to toast the New Year with lots of champagne and good wishes to all our friends. A beautiful end to 2010!

The next morning, we gathered for a pancake and sausage breakfast prepared by our New Years Day hosts, Gary Saar, Jeanne & Dave Brown, and Sue & Bob Walker. Yes, we were hungry again and thankful that the crew got up early to prepare this great breakfast for us.

Kruisers spent the day watching the Rose Bowl Parade and football games in the clubhouse. The football pools made the games all that more exciting, thanks to Marilyn Nash. The puzzle buffs slogged on, while others went in search of wineries that were open for tasting and started the new year off with a little hair of the dog.

We snacked all day on great leftovers until it was time for the Subway sandwiches to arrive. It was a lovely relaxing day, spent with friends and avoiding an ugly rainy day.

The rally was officially over on January 2, 2011 but many stayed over to avoid the bad weather and traffic expected on this day. Those who stayed finally finished the puzzle, and the leftovers.

We thank to all those Komfort Kruisers who made this rally such a great success.

News from FMCA

by Jim Riha, National Director



At our last meeting I spoke to the members about the changes coming in our FMCA Medex (Emergency Evacuation Insurance) benefits. This insurance is part of your FMCA membership and is included in your annual membership fee.

As of January 1, 2011 the new plan provider is FMCAssist. Please note that information about this coverage is found on page 107 of the January 2011 issue of the Family Motor Coaching Magazine. The article also contains your FMCAssist membership card that you should cut out and carry with you.

The new plan is provided by Travel Guard and offers a range of travel benefits to cover the needs of members traveling in the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

REMINDER: YOUR 2011 KOMFORT KRIUSER DUES ARE DUE

Please send your \$18.00 check to: Jerry Keller
1923-B Marshall Field
Redondo Beach, CA, 09278



A NOTE FROM PAT & BARBARA ACHEE



"We have now relocated to Wyoming and are very much enjoying being close to our son and grandchildren. We have sold our place in Kernville and may not even be returning to California this year. Pat had knee replacement in October and has had complications with it. He is doing well now, but at this time cannot manage the motor home. We don't feel that we will be spending much time in California any more. We have enjoyed being members of the club very much and will miss the time we have spent in the past with all of you."

Love, Pat and Barbara

Teresa O'Leary's Desert Coffee Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 cup oil
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 ¾ cups nuts (walnuts or pecans)
- 1 ½ teaspoon cinnamon

Beat cake mix, eggs, oil and sour cream together for 2 minutes on low. In a separate bowl mix together sugar, nuts and cinnamon. Place ½ cake mix in greased tube pan or 9" x 13" pan. Place 1/2 of sugar mixture on top of cake mixture. Top with remaining cake batter, then top with remaining sugar mixture. Bake at 350F for 40 minutes. Cake freezes well.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

WINE COUNTRY RV RESORT

Paso Robles, CA

DECEMBER 28, 2010 – JANUARY 2, 2011



12/28/10 WAGON MASTERS:

Art Bjornestad, Jeff & Trish Newby

12/29/10 WAGON MASTERS:

Richard & Dawn Ibarra, John & Cindy Phillips, Ray & Robin Elliott

12/30/10 WAGON MASTERS:

Troy & Lois Thompson, Jack & Pam Kiely

12/31/10 WAGON MASTERS:

Mac & Mina Brown, Jim & Kathe Riha, Bill & Diane Grist

1/1/11 WAGON MASTERS:

Gary Saar, Dave & Jeanne Brown, Bob & Sue Walker, Dan Haxton & Janet Avent

ATTENDEES:

Lonnie & Debbie Bamer, Art Bjornestad, Dave & Jeanne Brown, Mac & Mina Brown, Ray & Robin Elliott, Jim & Barbara Feick, Richard & Dawn Ibarra, Jerry Keller, Jack & Pam Kiely, Ralph McCarthy, Dale & Marilyn Nash, Jeff & Trish Newby, John & Teresa O'Leary, Steve & Sherri Peterson, John & Cindy Phillips, Jim & Kathe Riha, Gary Saar, John & Jackie Schneider, Dan & Cindy Sunderland, Troy & Lois Thompson, Larry & Linda Troutman, Bob & Sue Walker

GUESTS:

Ray & Jane Scott, Erv & Trecia Attebury (1st time guests), Dave & Kathy Berthiaume (1st time guests), Jim & Cynthia Cunningham (1st time guests)

CALL TO ORDER:

The business meeting of the Komfort Cruisers was called to order by Jeff Newby, President, at 10:04 AM on December 29, 2010 in Paso Robles, CA.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the October 2, 2010 meeting were approved. A motion to file the minutes was made by Ralph McCarthy and seconded by Jim Riha. Motion was carried by majority vote.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Dawn Ibarra notified the club that the annual certification record was sent to FMCA and an acknowledgement of their receipt of the packet was received and filed by Dawn.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

See attached November 2010 & December 2010 treasurer's report from Jerry Keller. A motion to file the reports was made by Lonnie Bamer and seconded by Linda Troutman. Motion was carried by majority vote.

FMCA NEWS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

There were 9000 hits on the Komfort Kruisers website. Bud and Shirley Palmer have their rig up for sale and it's posted on the KK website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff announced the new club officers for 2011-2013. See attached.

ADJOURNED:

A motion was made by Bob Walker and seconded by John Phillips and the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Dawn I barra

Dawn Ibarra, Secretary
Komfort Kruisers

2011- 2013 KOMFORT KRUISERS OFFICERS

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
Jim Riha

Alternate National Director
Ray Elliott

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
WINE COUNTRY RV RESORT
Paso Robles, CA
DECEMBER 29, 2010



ATTENDEES:

Jeff Newby, Richard Ibarra, Art Bjornestad, Dawn Ibarra, Jerry Keller, Larry Troutman
Teresa O'Leary, Jim Riha, Ray Elliott

CALL TO ORDER:

The board meeting of the Komfort Kruisers was called to order by Jeff Newby, President, at 10:45 a.m. on December 29, 2010 in Paso Robles, CA.

DISCUSSION:

Wagon Master Reimbursement – Dawn Ibarra brought up the issue of wagon master reimbursement. In September 2009, the board voted to pay a one-time per outing payment of \$50.00 for up to two wagon masters. This was done in order to incentivize members to sign up to be wagon masters. The payment is costing the club about \$1000.00 a year and it doesn't appear to be the incentive it was intended to be. Today, a motion was made by Jerry Keller and seconded by Art Bjornestad to discontinue the reimbursement.

2011 Outings – Teresa O'Leary suggested that we hold our October outing in Hemet at the California Chapter's Oktoberfest. The Board discussed eliminating Kenney Grove as a park because they are not flexible in their reservations.

Financial Report – Jeff reported that the club is financially stable. He is working with Jerry Keller to prepare a budget and produce a monthly report.

ADJOURNED:

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

A motion was made by Art Bjornestad seconded by Jim Riha and the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Dawn Ibarra

Dawn Ibarra, Secretary
Komfort Kruisers

Komfort Cruisers Treasurers Report

1/4/2011

December Activity		
INCOME		(3,046.88)
2011-01 Wine Counry		(4,566.68)
Expense		(7,341.88)
	Campground	(5,858.00)
	Food & Kitchen Expense	(1,267.88)
	Other (Warbird Tour Cash Conversion)	(216.00)
Income	Participants	2,775.00
2011-02 Pechanga		
Income	Participants	1,106.00
Membership Dues	2011	414.00
EXPENSES		(229.00)
Business		
bank	12/12/2010 Reconcillation Balance Adjustm	(185.00)
Office Expense		
postage	12/19/2010 Sunshine	(44.00)
DECEMBER NET		(3,275.88)

	ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Wine Country RV Estimated Commitments		\$0.00
Wine Country Estimated Misc Costs		\$150.00
CHECING BALANCE-- 31 December 2010	\$6,755.36	
Checks & Cash on Hand	\$3,190.00	
DEPOSITS OUT		
2011-02 Pechanga	\$100.00	
2011-03 Bakersfield RV Res	\$100.00	
2011-04 East Shore	\$1,006.00	
2011-05 Oasis RV Las Vegas	\$500.00	
2011-06 Chula Vista	\$100.00	
2011-07 Pacific Dunes	\$500.00	
2011-08 Flying Flags	\$200.00	
2011-09 Canyon RV	\$700.00	
2011-10 Golden Village Palr	\$100.00	
2011-11 Emerald Desert	\$200.00	
2012-01 Wine Counry	\$300.00	
	\$3,806.00	
KK Club Items	???	
TOTALS	\$13,751.36	\$150.00
NET		\$13,601.36
Cash Available		\$9,795.36

November Activity	
INCOME	3,659.81

2010-11 Emerald Desert	(630.19)
Expense	(740.19)
Campground	(512.65)
Food & Kitchen Expense	(227.54)
Income participants	110.00

2011-01 Wine Counry	4,120.00
Expense Food & Kitchen Expense	(275.00)
Income Participants	4,395.00

Membership Dues-Income	90.00
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50-50 Kenny Grove	80.00
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EXPENSES	(23.52)
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Business	
bank 11/23/2010 Check Printing Charge	(23.52)

NOVEMBER NET	3,636.29
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	ASSETS	LIABILITIES
Wine Country RV Estimated Commitments		\$6,300.00
Wine Country Estimated Misc Costs		\$1,554.00
CHECING BALANCE -- 11/30/2010	\$10,031.24	
Checks & Cash on Hand	\$0.00	
DEPOSITS OUT		
2011-01 Wine Counry	\$300.00	
2011-02 Pechanga	\$100.00	
2011-03 Bakersfield RV Res	\$100.00	
2011-04 East Shore	\$1,006.00	
2011-05 Oasis RV Las Vegas	\$500.00	
2011-06 Chula Vista	\$100.00	
2011-07 Pacific Dunes	\$500.00	
2011-08 Flying Flags	\$200.00	
2011-09 Canyon RV	\$700.00	
2011-10 Golden Village Palr	\$100.00	
2011-11 Emerald Desert	\$200.00	
	<u>\$3,806.00</u>	
TOTALS	\$13,837.24	\$7,854.00
	NET	\$5,983.24
Cash Available		\$2,177.24