

WHAT'S KRUISING

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FUN AT FLYING FLAGS

The beautiful Flying Flags Resort was the location of the August Komfort Kruiser rally. It's a great resort, set in the sunny hills of Buellton. The Danish village of Solvang and the vineyards of the Santa Inez valley are located minutes away and there were lots of interesting things to see and do all weekend.

The early arrivals gathered on Thursday night for a feast at AJ's Steakhouse and the theme of eating, drinking and enjoying ourselves began.

By late Friday afternoon, all 12 rigs were hooked up and the KK gang was ready to officially start the rally. At 6 PM we met in the clubhouse for the happy hour and an array of delicious hor d'oeuvres for dinner. We welcomed our first time guests, Betty and Bob J from Seal Beach and Kathe's Mom, Norma who was visiting from Santa Rosa. After dinner we talked and shared some jokes before returning to our rigs.

On Saturday morning we had a great treat. Our wagon Masters prepared a great Swedish breakfast of Aebleskivers and sausages. Aebleskivers are little round pancakes that are served with berry jam and powdered sugar. They are a little difficult to make, because, you need a special pan and a skewer to turn them so they end up round and browned. Paul, Linda, Jeff and Trish made dozens, and they were delicious!

After breakfast we had our Chapter meeting. Of particular concern to all of us is the low attendance at the last few rallies. It is hoped that this is only a temporary problem for the summer months and that once people are back from vacation they will start attending rallies again. The driving distance may also be an issue for some members. It was decided that in July of 2012 we will not have a rally and that the Pismo rally will be held in August. Hopefully, that will increase attendance in June at Chula Vista as well.

Membership is also a big concern. We really need to invite new people to our rallies and introduce them to the benefits of becoming a member of FMCA and Komfort Kruisers.

At the meeting Robin made a suggestion that when we prepare our dishes for the pot luck we might also include a list of the main ingredients in our dish. Many people have food allergies and must avoid some foods. She also told us that Ray doesn't eat
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Hello Art B, we missed you!



Gee, the chicks really dig me!



Linda, we forgot the Swedish Fish

eat chicken and it is hard to tell what is in the many casseroles that are served. More on that later....

After breakfast it was time to explore the area on our own. The town of Solvang has a smorgasbord of little restaurants, gift shops, and of course, Danish bakeries. Yummy! Or, you could take a ride out into the country and visit the ostrich farms and the miniature ponies. We chose to play it "Sideways" and go into the Santa Inez area for some wine tasting. In addition to our favorite winery, Rusack, we found a new winery, called Curtis. The sommelier was very knowledgeable and the wines were remarkable. They grow and produce very traditional French varietals and the surrounding vineyards are part of the Firestone family holdings.

We all returned in time for dinner in the clubhouse. We cooked the meat of our choice on a big barbecue grill fired up by the Wagon Masters. The rest of the meal; salads, sides and desserts were prepared by the ladies of the KK. Kathe brought a Post It pad and pen so that each dish could be labeled on the buffet. That's when Paul decided to play a joke on Ray. He made a bunch of labels that said, "Contains Chicken" and placed one in front of *every* single dish.

So, Ray comes in and all the ladies around the table are real quiet and looking away, not making eye contact with him. Ray wonders what was wrong, gets a little nervous, and steps outside to check his fly!

Then, he comes back inside and sees that the reason the gals were acting so funny was because of the chicken labels on the table. We all had a good laugh. Paul, you better look out, next month it's pay back time!

After a delicious dinner we gathered in the clubhouse for some Left Right Center. A lot of money passed around the table and the big winner was Richard. There was no 50/50 this month.

On Sunday morning we gathered to eat breakfast of Danish pastries, juice and coffee and to say goodbye to our friends.

Thank you Jeff, Trish Paul and Linda for a wonderful rally. We all had a great time.



Where's the chicken?



Every where I look I see chicken!



We proudly pour "Rhode Island Red"



Dawn's new King Charles puppy!

**Thank you Dawn for all
the great pictures!**



The Value of Members

Ten little members standing in a line,
one dislikes the President; and then there were nine.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late;
one forgot his promise and then there were eight.

Eight members with good deeds of heaven;
one lost his enthusiasm, then there were seven.

Seven loyal members got into a fix;
they quarreled over programs, then there were six.

Six members very much alive;
one moved away, and then there were five.

Five steadfast members wished there were more;
one became indifferent and then there were four.

Four cheerful members who never disagreed;
until one complained of meetings, then there were three.

Three eager members! What will they do?
One got discouraged and then there were two.

Two lonely members, our group is nearly done;
one joined another group and then there was one.

One faithful member was feeling rather blue,
met a new neighbor and then there were two.

Two earnest members each enrolled one more;
four determined members just could not wait
until each found another and then there were eight.

Eight excited members signed up eight more.
And thus, in another six verses, there will be one thousand
twenty-four.

This was taken from the August 2011 issue of FMCA magazine. Bradford Koshland, Executive Director, FMCA wrote a commentary about the difficulty all associations are having recruiting new members these days.

The poem was written by Reverend Joe Hoover in 1999 about church membership.

Mr Koshland wants us to reflect on what is written, and how important recruiting new members is to the survival of an organization. Only you have the information to convince someone who owns a motorhome why they should join FMCA and the Komfort Cruisers.