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**GOLD DIGGER NUGGETS**

**2019  
RALLY DATES**

**Jan. 5-13, 2019**  
Riverside Fairgrounds  
Indio  
*Calbreaths*

**Mar. 18-21, 2019**  
Mon – Thur  
The Lakes, Chowchilla  
*Jennings and Salters*

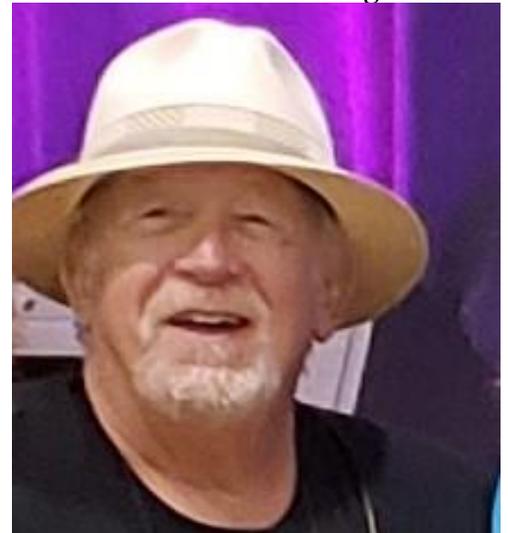
**May 9-11, 2019**  
Thurs – Sat  
Casa de Fruta  
Hollister  
*Roberts and Pedrazzis*

**July 11-13, 2019**  
Thurs - Sat  
Jackson Rancheria  
*Tutts, family and friends*

**Sept. 12-14, 2019**  
Thurs - Sat  
Bodega Bay RV  
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**Dec. 5-7, 2019**  
Thurs - Sat  
Grape Festival Grounds  
Lodi, CA

**President's Message**



**President Al Calbreath**

**President's Report**

The Lakes  
Chowchilla, CA  
March 2019

Casa de Fruta  
Hollister, CA  
May 2019

Hello from Chowchilla and Casa de Fruta

A good time was had by all who attended Chowchilla. We had a total of 16 rigs. Meals were prepared by Suzanne and Dan Salter and Rich and Barbara Jennings. They did an outstanding job.

We welcomed new members Larry and Penny Blalock and Hurley and Charlotte Atchinson. Our new applicant, Angela Pettit, suggested a website be set up for our club. She volunteered to research the costs and procedures.

We discussed future rallies for 2020. Good suggestions were made, and we will follow up on them.

Rich Jennings displayed the latest pictures from previous rallies and let us know there would be more to follow.

The Gold Diggers had another great outing with 11 rigs at Casa de Fruta. Meals were prepared by Bonnie and Jim Roberts and Jack and Claudia Pedrazzi. As always, the meals were great!

We welcomed two new members. Terry and Mary Stockbridge and Angela and Jonni Pettit were presented with their club flag. We also welcomed back Arizona snowbirds, Robert and Penny Burns.

An update on Donovan Lushenko's recovery was positive. They were unable to attend per Dr's orders.

Angela Pettit went over the new website and how to navigate the different sections. She worked hard on it, and we would like to thank her for a job well done.

Rachel and Joel Harp of Harp R.V. Service were our speakers. They did a presentation on R.V. maintenance, repair and general information. Their presentation was very informative.

Jim Roberts set up a tour of the San Martin Airport Museum. Those of us attending were treated to a great tour with a lot of interesting aviation history.

Al and Darlene had an "open house" tour of their new R.V. Wine, champagne and snacks were enjoyed by all.

And finally, we discussed rally destinations for 2020. The importance of getting registrations in by the deadline to guarantee a spot at our outings was strongly stressed. We talked about co-chairing a rally with the Ambassadors club. The suggested destination was Durango R.V. Park. We will follow up and report at a later date.

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**Secretary's Report**  
**By Betty Smith**



## FMCA GOLD DIGGERS

March 20, 2019  
The Lakes  
Chowchilla, CA

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m. by President Al Calbreath who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were Secretary, Betty Smith; Treasurer, Colleen Lushenko; Wagon Master, Horace Tutt; Assistant Wagon Master, Galan Smith, and National Director, Darlene Calbreath.

Minutes: Betty read the minutes of the December 1, 2018 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Colleen reported that our bank balance remains pretty much at around \$5,800.00 every month. She explained how the rally assets equal the rally liabilities. As of March 6, 2019, our balance is \$5,823.27.

President: Al reminded everyone that we need to be thinking about officers for 2020-2021. Al also reported that our new member, Angela Pettit, has volunteered to research setting up a web site for the club. The group unanimously agreed that this would be a great asset for the club. A discussion was made about using social media (Facebook and Yahoo Groups), but it was felt there could be privacy issues. Al thanked our Trail Bosses, the Salters and the Jennings for the wonderful meals and decorations. He reiterated how important it is, especially for Colleen, that when you are going to attend a rally, you must send in a completed registration. This information is needed for not only Colleen but for the RV parks. We will definitely be going to Jackson Rancheria, Lodi and Chowchilla in 2020. Jackson Rancheria's new rules now require a completed tally 30 days prior to the date of the rally, and the fee will be \$55.00 a night. They will also expect \$50.00 deposit of the rally fee, in advance, for every registrant. They will hold 15 spaces for us with a possibility of more. The clubhouse will be \$50.00 a day. Leonard Davis, Safety Chairperson for WHMA, mentioned the western states rally in Minot, North Dakota. If anyone is interested in attending, contact him for more details. After much discussion, it was moved by Rich Jennings, seconded and carried to buy a Keurig coffee pot and pods to replace the old coffee pots. It was agreed that everyone needs to bring their own cup, sugar and creamer.

Al introduced and welcomed our visitors Mary and Terry Stockbridge; Mary and Don Smith; Angela and Jonni Pettit, and Grover and Elmena Nelson.

Newsletter: Betty created a newsletter for January through March, and Al reported that we will continue to have quarterly newsletters. Betty suggested that maybe one of our new members would be interested in taking over the newsletter.

Sunshine: Claudia Pedrazzi reported that she hasn't heard of anyone who has recently become ill. Al reported that he spoke with Joe Macaluso recently who said that he is tired but doing okay under the circumstances. We also heard from Karen Jenkins who said that she and Vern could possibly show up today for dinner and Vern is doing about the same also.

Indio 2019: Al reported that there were a few problems at Indio this year with some miscommunication with Welcome Bag literature and other issues. We only had four Gold Digger rigs this year, but the Ambassador group of four rigs helped us tremendously with everything from cooking, the parade, stuffing the Welcome bags. We all ate together and had a great time getting to know them all. Al said there were almost 900 rigs at this year and about 200 of them were towables. Also, even though the attendance was smaller than usual, FMCA membership is up.

Membership: We have two new Applicants, Jonni and Angela Pettit from Fresno (which Angela, when asked about pronunciation, amusingly said, it's like "with your animal when you pet it"!!) Our other new members are Mary and Terry Stockbridge from Modesto. Terry is Darlene's brother.

We also have two new members who were presented with their flags. Larry and Penny Blaylock from Orangevale who are friends with Marilyn Johnson, and Hurley and Charlotte Atchinson who are friends with Sandria and Horace Tutt. Welcome new Gold Diggers!!

We also had folks join the club at Indio. Henry and Donna Hopson from Cameron Park who are friends with Barbara and Rich Jennings.

Historian: Rich Jennings reported that he has some Lodi pictures available for the scrapbook but doesn't have any Indio pictures because they weren't able to attend.

Wagon Master: Horace encouraged everyone to let him know about places that would be good rally locations. It appears all Trail Boss spots have been filled for 2019. The "tentative" date for Lodi is December 5-7.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Smith, Secretary

## **FMCA GOLD DIGGERS**

May 10, 2019  
Casa de Fruta RV Park  
Hollister, CA

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by President Al Calbreath who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were Secretary, Betty Smith; Treasurer, Wagon Master, Horace Tutt; Assistant Wagon Master, Galan Smith, and National Director, Darlene Calbreath.

Minutes: Betty read the minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

President: There was a lengthy discussion about our new Keurig coffee pot and pods which Claudia Pedrazzi bought at Costco as per our meeting at Chowchilla. Al reminded everyone that they need to bring their own cups, creamer, and sugar. When we run out of the coffee pods, the club will decide, at a future rally meeting, whether we will provide pods. Al reminded everyone that we need to be thinking about officers for 2020-2021. Al thanked our Trail Bosses, the Roberts and Pedrazzis for stepping up as Trail Bosses for this rally. Al reminded everyone that Jackson Rancheria's new rules now require a completed tally 30 days prior to the date of the rally, and the fee will be \$50.00 a night. They will also expect \$50.00 deposit of the rally fee, in advance, for every registrant. They will hold 15 spaces for us with a possibility of more. The clubhouse will be \$50.00 a day.

Rallies: The Bodega Bay rally for September 12-15, 2019 needs Trail Bosses as the Burns' will not be able to host this rally. Bodega Bay RV Park is \$68.00 a night. March 2020 we will be returning to The Lakes, Chowchilla and the Pettit's have volunteered to be Trail Bosses. The reservation is similar to Jackson Rancheria; we need to pay \$750.00 deposit (15 spaces at \$50.00 per space), and we are obligated for those spaces whether or not we get 15 rigs. (The nightly rate will actually be \$55.00 a night.). Bonnie and Jim Roberts will be checking into Flag City in Lodi and Kit Fox in

Patterson for our May 2020 rally. Al reported that the Ambassador's would like to work with us on a September 2020 rally. Suzanne Salter moved that we have our September 2020 rally with the Ambassadors. It was seconded and carried. It was suggested we go to Durango RV Park or Calistoga Fair Grounds (which requires an \$800.00 deposit) for the September 2020 rally that we'll be hosting with the Ambassadors. Darlene suggested that Trail Bosses try to plan excursions for their rallies or suggest interesting places people might be interested in visiting. Other than the Pettits, Al says we don't have any Trail Bosses lined up for 2020. The Roberts have planned an excursion to the San Martin airport museum for tomorrow.

Web Site: Angela Pettit presented the new web site that she has designed for the Gold Diggers. A discussion was made about putting the membership roster on a Yahoo Group Site. As some members did not want their roster information on the Yahoo groups, Angela is going to check to see if she can put a roster link on the web site which can only be accessed via password.

Here is the web site address: [www.fmcagolddiggers.org](http://www.fmcagolddiggers.org) Betty will contact the FMCA Secretary to register the web site so it will be available to prospective members

RV Placard: The Pettit's have offered to make a paper placard for your wind shield that has the Gold Digger logo, your name, city and animals. Let them know if you would like one.

Membership: We have two new members, Jonni and Angela Pettit from Fresno and Mary and Terry Stockbridge from Modesto. They were welcomed and presented with their Gold Digger flags.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:41 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Smith, Secretary

### Membership By Betty Smith

At The Lakes in Chowchilla, we inducted Larry and Penny Blalock from Orangevale who joined at our Christmas rally and Hurley and Charlotte Atchinson from Elk Grove who joined at our Lodi rally.



Hurley and Charlotte Atchinson



Penny and Larry Blalock



Jonni and Angela Pettit



Terry and Mary Stockbridge

At our Casa de Fruta, we inducted Jonni and Angela Pettit from Fresno and Terry and Mary Stockbridge from Modesto.

We had several new folks apply at Chowchilla. David and Marsha Calbreath from Modesto. Their hobbies are scrollsaw woodworking and music. Angela and Jonni Pettit from Fresno. Terry and Mary Stockbridge from Modesto.

## BIRTHDAYS



April	1	Charlotte Atchinson
April	7	Al Calbreath
April	25	Henry Hopson
April	28	Barbara Jennings
April	29	Tom Bray
May	9	Suzanne Salter
May	15	Penny Blalock
June	2	Richard Jennings
June	10	Donna Hopson

## ANNIVERSARIES



May	4	Roberts, Jim and Bonnie
May	17	Smith, Galan and Betty Lushenko, Donovan and Colleen
May	20	Colleen
May	27	Simon, Kurt and Betty
June	8	Davis, Leonard and June
June	26	Pettit, Angela and Jonni
June	30	Roberson, Gabe and Mary
June	30	Jenkins, Vern and Karen

# The Lakes in Chowchilla



## Casa de Fruta in Hollister



Dinnertime



Rachel and Joel Harp from Harp RV Service



San Martin Airport Museum

**The RVers Prayer**  
God bless our traveling home,  
and guide us where ever we roam.

Help us find the roads we seek,  
and please don't let the plumbing leak.

Save us, please from engine trouble,  
and mechanics who would charge us double.

As we travel on our way,  
bless us with sunshine every day.

And while you're watching over all,  
could you let gas prices fall?

Lead us toward good food and friends,  
and when at last our journey ends;

Grant our rolling home sweet rest,  
until the next endurance test.



# AND LAST, BUT NOT LEAST.....



Here is our Fearless Leader lovingly preparing a Mother's Day breakfast for Darlene.

**Order Tee Shirts** from-Betty Smith, [betsmith38@hotmail.com](mailto:betsmith38@hotmail.com)

Cost each is \$19.50. They only come in men sizes, Medium to XXX large. They are black with Gold Diggers Logo on the front in brilliant gold color.

**Order badges** from: BADGES "R" US [TUbadgesrus@aol.com](mailto:TUbadgesrus@aol.com) (760) 212-0682, 411 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. # 2444, Emery, S.D. 57332. Name badges, \$7.25, including taxes, shipping/handling is \$1.00 per badge, max. \$4.00. Bola Ties are \$2.50 extra. (Specify color). Please include on your badge your name (s), & the words Gold Diggers, FMCA number, and City.

**Order Jackets** We have new jackets in stock with our logo on the back, size S.to XXL \$34.00. Embroidered name on the front is an additional \$6.00. We have 3 size Small and 1 size Large gently used jackets for \$20.00 each. Please contact Marilyn if you want more information.