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GOLD DIGGER NUGGETS

2019

RALLY DATES

**Jan. 4-12, 2020 Indio
Riverside Fairgrounds
Indio
Calbreaths**

**Mar. 5-8, 2020
Thurs - Sat
The Lakes, Chowchilla
Pettits & Pedrazzis**

**May 14-17, 2020
Thurs - Sat
Kit Fox, Patterson
Roberts & Blalocks**

**July 7-9, 2020
Tues - Thurs
Jackson Rancheria
Calbreath & Stockbridge**

**Sept. 24-27, 2020
Thurs - Sat
Durango, Red Bluff
The Al Calbreaths**

**Dec. 3-6, 2020
Thurs - Sat
Grape Festival, Lodi
Officers**

President's Message



**President Angela Pettit
President's Report**

Well, Betty told me that I had to write my first President's column for the newsletter; so, here goes. Although I am a relatively new member of this most excellent chapter, I very quickly realized that Miss Betty was the person who really ran things around here. So, when Miss Betty says "Write!", by golly, I write.

Thank you all for electing me to this most prestigious office. I shall try to live up to the trust you have placed in me. At the very least I shall try very hard not to screw up the many good things that Al Whatshisname has implemented.

I am very sorry to have had to miss both Lodi and Indio. I took my rig in for what should have been a very minor repair, and we realized that the rubber roof was completely shot. Luckily, we discovered the problem before the rainy season started. In any case, all the STUFF (air conditioners, lights, awnings, vents, etc.) has to be removed before a new PVC roof can be put on. Then, of course, all that STUFF has to be re-installed. I figure that if we are very lucky, we will have the rig back in time for The Lakes. Seriously, I think we will have it back about the end of January – I hope.

Speaking of The Lakes in March, the entertainment will be a series of short touring (driving) adventures to some of the many attractions in the area. Examples include, but are not limited to, the Fresno Blossom Festival, Forestiere Underground Gardens, Castle Air Museum, the Fossil Discovery Center, and many others. So be sure to bring your towed vehicle.

Looking forward to seeing you all again.

Angela Pettit

Immediate Past President's Last Letter

Ho! Ho! and all that stuff.

A good time was had by all who were able to attend our annual Lodi outing. The Gold Diggers turned out in force plus three first time visitors, two of which will be joining us in Indio. Also attending was Steve Shade & his wife Jeanette who is our FMCA Vice President and area representative.

All of the Gold Diggers' officers stepped up and helped prepare and serve the meals for the weekend. Plus, we had one of our past officers. Raleigh Morrow and his wife Juli, fix and serve a great meal for Friday night.

I thought you all came to see me, but it might have been Galan & Betty's Prime Rib dinner and homemade Sangria. Robert & Penny Burns again did a great job decorating the tables, and Patty Stahl kept us all on our toes with her games and crafts plus our ugly sweater contest and the ornament exchange.

A great time was had by all, and Darlene & I look forward to participating rather than directing future outings and working with your 2020 officers.

Al & Darlene Calbreath

Secretary's Report By Betty Smith



FMCA GOLD DIGGERS

December 7, 2019
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
Lodi, California

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

President: Al thanked the Officers for their work on this rally. He also reported that Raleigh and Juli Morrow put on a fabulous lasagna dinner for us last night and did not charge for it. Al reported that we will not be having our Installation of Officers today because Angela Pettit wouldn't be able to be here to installed as our President. FMCA said that we can do our installation in March at Chowchilla. Al stressed how important it is to get Rally Registrations back in a timely manner as some parks, e.g. Jackson Rancheria and The Lakes, require a 30-day advance notice. If we commit to a certain amount of spaces and can't fulfill them, we are charged for them anyway.

Al explained our registration process and officers' duties.

FMCA is now requiring that anyone driving a golf cart must watch a safety video online and sign paperwork to that effect.

People signed up for Indio are the Calbreaths (Al and Darlene), Roberts, Smiths, Blalocks, Tutts and two Ambassadors. Al wants everyone to come in at Gate 4 by 10:30 a.m. Saturday so we can all get parked and begin filling the bags at 1:00 p.m. The rally will actually begin on Wednesday. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday we will be manning the "Welcome" booth and Tuesday night will be the Volunteer Dinner. Angela and Jonni won't be able to make the Indio rally as their rig will still be in the shop to fix their roof. We will be participating in the Parade "At the Hop". If anyone has any 50's clothes, they are encouraged to bring them. Western is asking for suggestions for a theme for the 2021 rally.

Secretary: Betty read the minutes of the September 14, 2019 meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Colleen Lushenko reported that we have \$5,097.75 in the checking account and reported on the income and expenses on this rally. Colleen explained that our account is through Chase Bank, thanks to Marilyn Johnson, and if we keep a \$5,000.00 balance in the checking account, we have zero fees.

Wagon Master: Horace reported that he will be touching bases with Trail Bosses a month prior to rallies that they are planning. The 2020 schedule is all filled up and Horace is working on 2021 now. He has spoken to Bodega Bay about returning there.

Newsletter: Betty asked for a volunteer to take over Gold Digger Nuggets.

National Director: Darlene gave a brief report on some of the highlights of the Hanford meeting. She said that the FMCA Medical Assist program was increased 73% so membership dues were raised \$25.00 a year. She noted that the detailed information is in the FMCA magazine. If RV parks require proof of insurance, we can send the information to FMCA with a copy of the contract and FMCA will pay for it. First Timers meeting at Indio will be on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. She also reported that the FMCA magazine has several articles about California beach RV parks.

Sunshine: Claudia Pedrazzi said she hadn't heard of anyone who is ill. Al reported that the Jennings still want to stay in the club and are healing after their hospitalization and rehab.

Al was, again, thanked and congratulated for the fabulous job he has done as President for the last two years.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Betty Smith, Secretary

Membership By Betty Smith

Membership Report for Newsletter – October to December 2019

As of December 20, 2019, we have 18 Active Members, 1 Applicant and 1 Life Member.

Donald and Mary Nelson joined at our Lodi Christmas rally. They're from Stockton and their hobby is golf. Welcome Don and Mary!

I think I forgot to mention in the last issue that Terry and Mary Stockbridge and Jonni and Angela Pettit received their flags at Casa de Fruta! And Angela is our new President!!



Our prime rib dinner on Saturday night. We weren't here Friday so couldn't take photos of Raleigh & Juli's lasagna.



Our Christmas tree.



The beautiful centerpieces made by Penny Burns.



The Ugly Sweater Contest (and boy were some of them ugly LOL!). Mary (in the green) was the "winner"!!



Some of us went to the Lodi Christmas Light parade which was beautiful as usual!!



BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Oct 3	Davis, Leonard
Oct 4	Roberts, Bonnie
Oct 7	Calbreath, David
Oct 19	Salter, Dan
Oct 26	Calbreath, Darlene
Oct 27	Pettit, Angela
Oct 29	Burns, Penny
Nov 1	Atchinson, Hurley
Nov 9	Johnson, Marilyn
Nov 22	Lushenko, Colleen
Nov 26	Roberson, Mary
Dec 6	Smith, Galan
Dec 11	Smith, Betty
Dec 11	Stockbridge, Mary
Dec 20	Nelson, Donald
Dec 30	Roberts, Jim

ANNIVERSARIES



Oct 25	Calbreath, David & Marsha
Nov 3	Calbreath, Al and Darlene
Nov 11	Jennings, Rich and Barbara
Nov 18	Pedrazzi, Jack and Claudia
Dec 4	Salter, Dan and Suzanne

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That's all for now *Betty*