

July / August 2009 NorCal Chapter News

Hello everyone and greetings from Northern California and your new president. I want to thank each of you for your vote of confidence and I will do my best to lead our group for the next two years. We may even have a little fun and a few laughs along the way.

Nancy and I just returned from the Texarkana Rally where everyone had a great time visiting old friends and making new ones. Of course, the west coast chapters (SoCal, NorCal and Northwest) had the best socials and we were blessed with the presence of both, the outgoing president and first lady, Charlie and Gloria Adcock and the incoming president and first lady, Bill and Kip Dettmer. Along with Nancy and myself, Northern California Chapter members in attendance were Charlie and Sharon Miller, Dick and Ann Forward, Ed and Claudia Brooks, Dean and Kathy Mracek, Truman and Terry Bennett, Gary and Pat Adams, Bob and Kim Daniels, Joe and Debbie Darby and Wilson and Barbie Farrell. Some of the other members who had fun at our socials were Southern California Chapter members Bob and Becky Clapper, Scott and Susan Rose, Jerry and Jane Lihou, and Mac Pack Chapter members, Arlin and Maxine Verley and Ed and Pat Takahara. Hopefully all will be NorCal members someday.

Jerry and Jane Lihou, along with a lot of help from other members, prepared Grilled Pizza which was delicious. We had three grills set up, so on another free night, we had a potluck and everyone brought and grilled their own entree. There are a lot of great cooks in our west coast chapters!

We conducted a little business at the rally. The ACA Board of Directors addressed budget shortfalls due to the economy and loss of advertising dollars. The Board wants to maintain the quality of the ACA Across America magazine and found it necessary to raise the ACA dues from \$35 to \$45 per year effective September 1, 2009. Members will have until that time to renew for as many years as they want at the current price of \$35. Additionally, a committee was formed to plan the future of the American Coach Association with or without the help of Fleetwood or a new owner. ACA will survive and will have the support of all of us.

After the rally, many of us went on to Searcy, Ark. to Charlie and Gloria Adcock's Rally in the Pasture. Charlie and Gloria sure know how to make a group feel at home. Charlie's granddaughter, Megan showed me how to catch fish in their pond.

We are planning a "de je vous" rally at French Camp RV and Golf Resort in Manteka, California on October 1-4, 2009. There will be a Taco Night by the Three Amigos and CJ may even work up a golf tournament.

I would like to thank the outgoing officers for their time and dedication to our group. CJ's hard work has kept our chapter together and Mike Campbell kept our finances straight and created an awesome website. Thankfully, Mike has agreed to stay on and manage our website. Mike Pettinger has agreed to stay on as Vice President, Leslie Pettinger as Secretary, Lynn Wallenburg as Membership Chairwoman and Ann Forward will be our new Treasurer.

I hope everyone has safe summer travels and please remember to say a prayer for our troops who are in harms way.

George Borecky
Northern California Chapter President