

# NorCal ACA Chapter News

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As I write this newsletter from sunny, warm Arizona, things seem to be moving very quickly in 2006. It seems like we just celebrated New Years with the Nor-Cal gang, traveled to Las Vegas to visit a few old friends, and enjoyed our annual sojourn to Quartzsite where the dirt is special. If you've never been there, you don't know what you are missing. By the time you read this newsletter, it will almost be time to drink Green beer and claim to be Irish for a day.

Speaking of New Year-----our rally in San Juan Bautista was hosted by the Hibels and the Hills and was attended by 19 coaches plus 2 of our members, the Knoxs' and the Battistellas' who visited off and on during the rally. Mario and Betty came bearing baked goodies which were delicious and disappeared quickly. The rally was filled with activities from a white elephant sale to motorhome races, to a bead class given by Muriel Campbell. Hickory Farms gift boxes were a special treat provided by Chris and Pat Emanuel. The weather was not kind to us except on golf day when C. J. King parted the sea.....wrong story.....spoke to the Man upstairs and we had a day without rain so that golf could be enjoyed! Our hosts spent a lot of time in the kitchen preparing our meals and everything was fabulous.

We would also like to recognize our newest members Rick and LaMoyne Bibbero from Carson City, Nevada who joined us for the rally. They are new to motorhoming and we are glad that they purchased an American Coach and we hope to see lots more of them at future events.

At the New Years rally we also introduced our NEW Nor-Cal website which was created by Mike Campbell. Our hats are off to him because not only did he volunteer to do this, he will maintain and support this for us and we can't thank him enough!!!! If you haven't checked it out yet, please do so. Sign in using [norcalaca@att.net](mailto:norcalaca@att.net). This is where you can request a log in ID, check the roster to see IF your name and information is correct, print a copy if you need one, look at all of the pictures from previous rallies, and more.

One small step for Nor-Cal, one giant step for our national rally in 2007. This website will introduce you to the chairpersons, where we are with issues, and keep you as informed as you would like to be. I realize that the fall of 2007 is a long way off, but please keep US in mind for next year so that hopefully you can and will attend the rally as both a member of Nor-Cal and a volunteer on one of the committees.

Speaking of National rallies----Tucson is not far off so hopefully we will see you there and can enjoy each others friendship and have some fun together. Along with that thought, you should already have received your rally application for our next Nor-Cal rally which will be in Lone Pine, California, along hiway 395 in the Eastern Sierras. We hope to do some four wheeling, trying to keep up with Merritt and Truman on a couple of day trips, along with other surprises. The Alabama Hills are famous for the 100's of movies which were filmed in this part of the country and so we'll pack a lunch and have a history buff escort us out and share his stories along the way. Weather permitting we have another great spot we'd like to take you to as well.....it's millions of years old!

With each newsletter I like to mention various members of our club to keep you informed and let you know what's happening within the club. For example, Dave Van de Velde has relocated his business to

Orlando Florida, and is more successful than ever and is still introducing new vodka flavors and was on national TV late last year.

Do you remember the sitcom “The Jeffersons” and their theme song “Moving on up”? Well now, our friends the Studebakers are singing that song. Not only can I NOT afford the brand they bought, I can’t spell it either!! I wish them the best and I know I will miss seeing them at our rallies.

Until next time-----enjoy whatever comes your way. Remember that humor is one of the best pills you can take. When all else fails, laugh about it.....