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PRESIDENT'S CORNER *by Sheba*

Well, the editor has cut down my space, so this will be brief. We are looking forward to rallying in the gold country at Dot Donald's, June 9-12. The "Stay At Home Rally," July 7-10, will be at the Tower Park Marina near Lodi with the Salesses and Harrises presiding. This should be a repeat of last year's very successful "Stay At Home Rally" and should be well-attended. The only people going to Brandon from MBCU are the Gormans, Leiths, and Westons. Should be a real "wag." If you find that you can go after all, contact Joe Gorman at 408-372-0207. Time is of the essence. We leave from Dot Donald's on the 12th of June.

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Hostess Shirley Gorman

MEXICAN FIESTA

The sun was warm and bright at the Pinnacles as we enjoyed the Mexican Fiesta so beautifully presented by our April Hosts, Shirley and Joe Gorman, Gerry and Earl Pettis, and Lucille Conner.

Thursday's *Contento Hora* brought together the Browns, Paxtons, Leippers, Leiths, Comries, Olivers, Westons, Jack Benjamin, Ken Harris, and Dick Saleses. This was followed by a *Comida* of *Sopa Mexicana com tortillas de Harina y salsa*. Assorted *bizcochos* were passed around after *Comida*. At this point, we were all *muy contenta!*



Hostess Gerry Pettis

On Friday morning the early birds were bustling about eager to start on their Pinnacles hike. Others chose to relax and enjoy the peace and quiet in camp. After lunch and a little *siesta*, the *juegos* began: Toss the Sombrero, Bean Bags in the Can, and a relay race involving changing vests and sombreros. What a talented and agile group!



Well, as you can imagine, we were thoroughly exhausted after those strenuous activities, and greeted the evening's *Contenta Hora* with joy! By this time we were pleased to have the Monahans, the Beaches, the Messingers, the McKnights, Bev Harris, and Patty Saleses with us.

But most of all, we were so pleased to see Dot Donald roll in driving her "new" motorhome after a couple of repair days at Toscano's. Dot was accompanied by her sister-in-law, Marilyn. (However, ask Dot about her trip home. Enough said.)



And then came this day's Comida: enchiladas con carne y enchiladas con pollo; frijoles refritos; ensalada; flan y cerveza. *Maravilloso!* Those of us who had never been on a caravan to Mexico heard some amusing, some interesting, and some downright scary stories around the campfire after Comida. I found myself wishing that I had been along.

Saturday was relaxed and pleasant. Faye and Ev conducted our monthly Gypsy Rally meeting....all seems to be going along in great shape. Some wonderful *vardos* were on display, and the goody bags are piling up. I tell you, if you want something done, just ask the MBCU to do it!

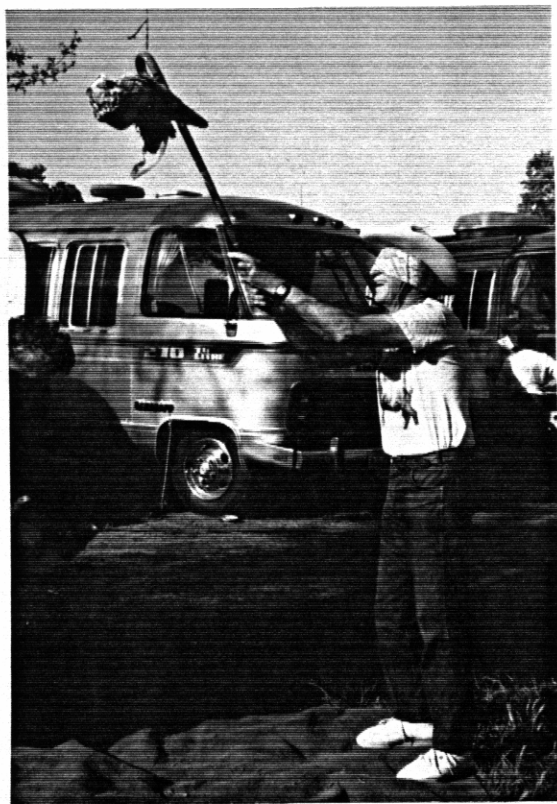


After a little left-over *sopa* and chips, cheese and salsa, a short *siesta* and a rousing game of *beso* ball, we gathered for our Board and General Meetings. This period of concentration and deep thought was followed by Margaritas provided by our hosts. The Pinata hanging from its tree limb was attacked and shattered by the indomitable Jack Benjamin. Our feeling of contentment was further enhanced by the appearance of

many delectable casseroles, ensaladas, desserts and wine for our Pot-Luck Mexicana.

Thoroughly sated, we sat drowsily around the fire until our beds called us to another sound night's sleep in the quiet of the campground.

Our hosts had one more treat waiting for us on Sunday morning. We were served fresh strawberries and breakfast burritos and sent on our way with "Seguro viaje hasta de usted casa." Ole!



INTRODUCING

**RUTH & CHARLIE
NEAVES** were married on April

20, 1990. Will any of us ever forget the second wedding we had at the Swiss Rifle Club in April of that year? The handsome groom and blushing bride were united by Parson Jerry Strain as we stood by to offer our blessings.

RUTH BARBER NEAVES

is a native Californian. She was born in Oakland, the daughter of Martin A. Nelson, a builder, and Marguerite Benner Nelson. Ruth grew up with a brother and two sisters. Her favorite subject at Hawthorne Elementary School in Oakland was drawing. She attended Fremont High School in the same city, but failed to list a favorite subject.....maybe there was none! However, they seemed to like Ruth. Her first job was in the Oakland Public Schools as a secretary.

In time, Ruth became a Financial Money Manager and lived in Oakland, Lafayette, and Santa Cruz. However, "lived" does not tell the whole story of Ruth's peripatetic life. She once told me that she and her husband would no sooner return from a trip than he was ready to start on another. Ruth has been all over the world and in "at least 105 countries."

Ruth Barber met Charlie Neaves in 1980 at St. Andrew's Church. After their marriage in 1990, Ruth and Charlie became the parents of a combined family of

seven sons and daughters. They have twenty-seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Even more impressive, together they have forty descendents.

Ruth says that her favorite leisure activity now is R.V.ing. She enjoys mild food, a good mystery, and a good road to travel not too far on.

CHARLIE NEAVES was born in London, England, the son of Charles S. Neaves, a British Army officer who served in Africa and India, and Edith Small Neaves. Charlie was the only boy among four children.

The next time we hear about Charlie he is a student at the Jefferson Elementary School in San Jose, CA. Obviously, there is a serious gap in my information. I must talk to Charlie about this! He went on to San Jose High School where he was most interested in Drafting. He majored in Mechanical Engineering at I.C.S. and held jobs as an Electroplater, Veterinarian's Assistant, and Machinist during school. He also enjoyed playing tennis.

Charlie states that his father, "being 'career' did not count war time service." But Charlie was a corporal in the National Guard, State Branch, during the war. His home base was San Jose.

Charlie's first career job, in

1941, was with N.A.C.A., later changed to N.A.S.A. At the time of his retirement he was with N.A.S.A. as a Branch Chief, Metal Model Making.

Charlie had the opportunity to travel to Europe, the Carribean, and many other locations. One of his best trips was to St. Andrew's Church in 1980 where he met Ruth.

Charlie enjoys tours of interesting places, but says that distances seem greater now and he enjoys locations within a day's travel. His favorite type of book is one from which you can learn.

Best of all.....Charlie says that just about his favorite leisure time activity is "being with Ruth."

Here's to a wonderful couple.....we enjoy being with you both.

BIRTHDAYS



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|----|----------------|
| 1 | Ruth Brown |
| 3 | Dick Ginter |
| 7 | Molly McKnight |
| 9 | Patty Salesses |
| 18 | Jean Follrath |
| 18 | Charlie Neaves |
| 22 | June Jensen |
| 25 | Amye Hoffman |

ANNIVERSARIES

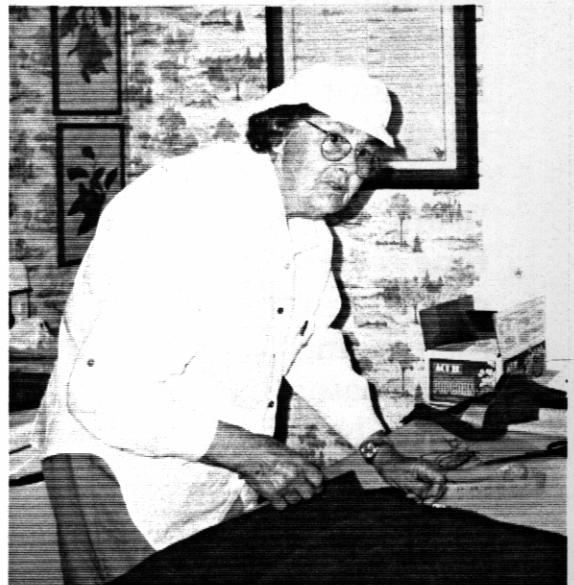
14 Dale & Virginia Leipper '42
20 Bill & Irene Burnes '43

CONGRATULATIONS!

WORK DAY

On Saturday, April 30, a few intrepid souls found their way to Soquel for a work day. After a somewhat delayed start, they silk screened banners and badges to be used at the one and only Gypsy Rally in October.

Bent over a work table, ironing board, and sewing machine were Margaret Ashton, Shirley Gorman, Lucille Conner, Molly McKnight, Faye Messinger, and Barbara Paxton. After a quick run to town to procure needed material, Margaret, Faye, and Barbara got to work on an assembly line while Lucille ironed and Shirley sewed. Dave Paxton was seen hanging wet banners on a line to dry, and Gladys Rose was lending moral support. Mack McKnight was a wonderful gopher. And not to be outdone, Joe Gorman and Ev Messinger arrived in time to help with pre-dinner libations. Good show, everybody!



WORLD CLASS GYPSY RALLY

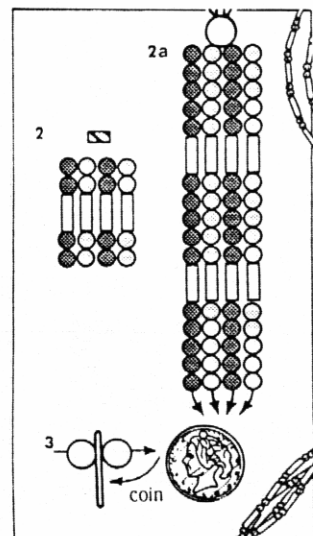
Why did the first Gypsies leave India? Men could only guess. Perhaps they were carried away by invaders, or left because of famines, social discontent, maybe even religious vows....no proof survived. But linguists, turned detectives, could trace the Gypsy itinerary by the words of the wanderers picked up along the way and added to their own language.

Romany, as Dr. Sampson said, comes "....scented with an aroma from the East. Thus, in the Gypsies' speech heard in England, their *rashai*, or parson, descends from *rishi*, the venerable tonsured anchorite of Sanskrit literature, the *Rai* and the *Rawnie* (meaning "gentleman" and "lady") claim kinship with the Rajah and Ranee of India.....Persia gave our Gypsies their words for silk and wool and wax, and in Iranian lands they first heard *dariav* for 'sea' and 'ocean.' In Byzantine Greece they found their *drom*, or road, and their *foros*, or market, and learned their words for heaven and time, for lead and copper, horseshoe and kettle, for table and chair, hat and shoes, goose, dove, and peacock.....Thus.... you will find in the language of the Gypsies the true history of this people and of their wanderings.

From the Indian subcontinent the Gypsies moved first into Persian-speaking regions - Afghanistan and Iran. Then, Sampson believed, the trail forked. One group headed south and west toward Syria and North Africa, picking up Arabic words. Others turned north and then west,

borrowing Armenian and Byzantine Greek words as they went. By the 14th century, linguistic guesswork about their route gives way to eye-witness documents stored in castles and churches of the Balkan peninsula.

Bart McDowell



PINK SEED/SILVER COIN NECKLACE

MATERIALS NEEDED: Tigertail, 2 silver crimp beads, 2 silver bead tips, silver spring ring and tag, nine 18mm silver coins.

BEADS NEEDED: Light pink, dark pink seed.

6mm opal bugle
6mm silver round

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut 4 strands of tigertail each 4 ft long. Attach spring ring.
2. Thread beads following diagram.
3. Refer to illustration for placement of 6mm beads & coins.
4. Attach tag.



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