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The Hat Creek Adventure

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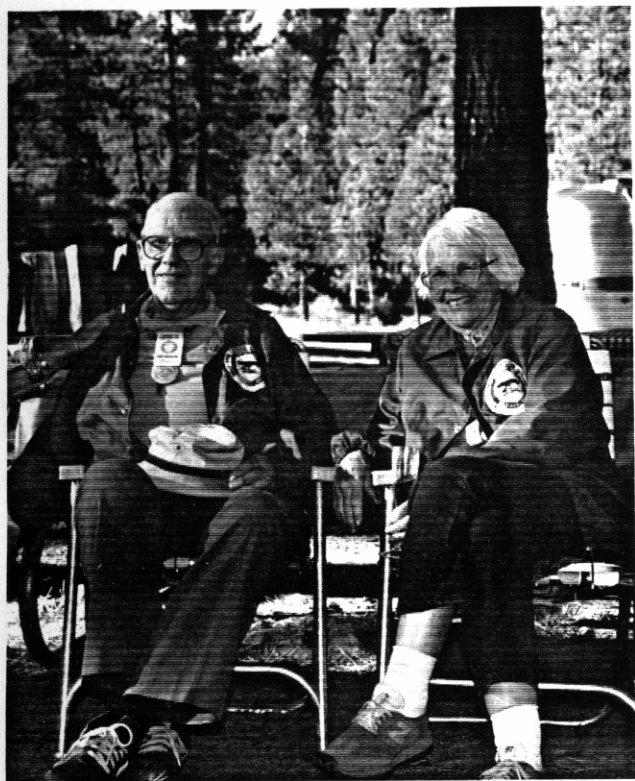
President Bill and I (Mom had to stay home to prepare for school) departed for Hat Creek on Tuesday, September 6th. We spent the night at Orland with the Harrises, Leiths, Olivers, and Nina Hadden.

Wednesday morning we all continued on to Hat Creek. Our Rally hosts Dale and Virginia Leipper, Jack Benjamin, and Nina Hadden provided a barbecued chicken dinner. The wind kept



blowing out the gas barbecues, delaying dinner, but extending the Happy Hour.

Thursday morning Jack and Lloyd baked waffles on old fashioned irons over Coleman Stoves. Eggs were provided by Shirley Gorman and sausage by Alma Connell. At Happy Hour we celebrated **DALE LEIPPER'S 80TH BIRTHDAY** with champagne provided by Dale and Virginia.



A perfectly splendid spread of hors d'oeuvres was brought forth by Bev Harris. Just to complete the event, Shirley Gorman fried calamari sent by Guido Davi. A campfire and companionable conversation ended a pleasant day.

Friday we were lead by Nina

Hadden on a day trip to Burney Falls.

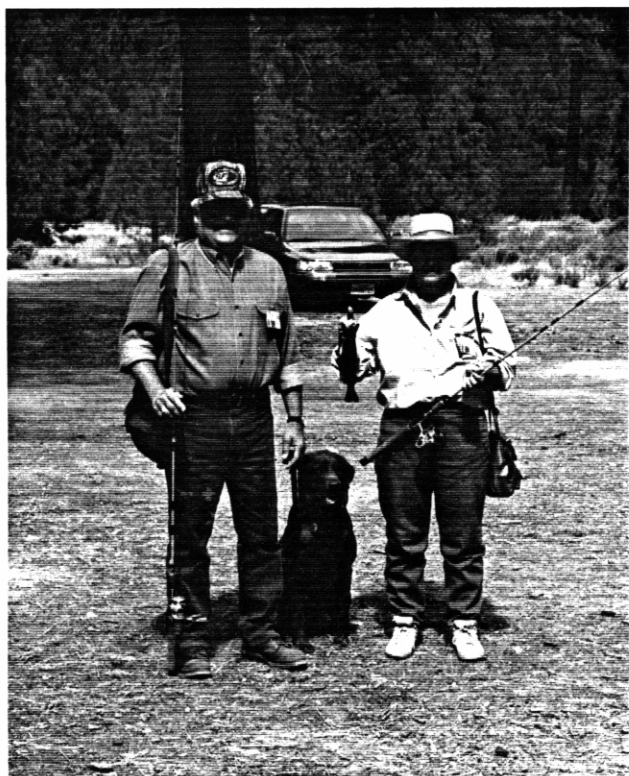


Jack's son and grandson, Brad and James, joined us for the weekend in time for dinner. Three generations of Benjamins at Hat Creek!



The Harrises and Gormans prepared a great dinner featuring skillet steak. Late arrivals were **NEW MEMBERS BRYAN AND DIANNE LEIPPER**, Dale and Virginia's son and daughter. Bryan and Dianne are **THIRD GENERATION WBCCIers**.

This tale would not be complete without mentioning Judy Beach's fishing. John and Judy arrived early in the week to do some serious angling. Judy caught her limit every time she cast a hook in the water! John is no slouch, but Judy is hard to beat.



We started Saturday with more delicious waffles a la

Benjamin and Brown. A strong wind made the frisbee toss a real challenge. The Monahans cooked sauerkraut and sausage for dinner, and various members participated in the potato salad cookoff for the enjoyment of all.

Jim Monahan punctuated Happy Hour with a moving and well deserved tribute to Charter Member Lloyd Brown for his very long term and continuing contribution to the MBCU and WBCCI. Nobody is more deserving than Lloyd, and nobody could have said it better than Jim. Congratulations to you both.



At the campfire, Jay Leith and Jack Benjamin lead a lively

discussion on earthquakes.

Sunday morning Dad and I made an early departure with several other rigs, but the rest stayed on until Wednesday morning. Welcome visitors from the Nevada Unit were David Hunter, Region 12 Second Vice President, and his wife, Billie. We had fourteen rigs at Hat Creek and Ken Harris has already scheduled it again for next year.

I can't tell you about the rest of the Rally, so you'll have to ask someone who was there about it. I had a great time and I wanted to stay, but who asks a dog?



BIRTHDAYS

20	Stella Reichmuth
23	Vita Davi
24	Jerry Strain

ANNIVERSARIES

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INTRODUCING

FAYE & EVERETT MESSINGER need little introduction to the members of MBCU and Region X11. This *Rai* and *Rawnee* are the leaders of our band of Gypsies as we climb aboard our *vardos* for a trip to Gypsydom. They have been "thinking Gypsy" for months now, ready to do anything and everything possible to make this Region X11 Rally memorable and fun.

FAYE MESSINGER was born in San Jose, the daughter of Winthrop Burgess Longley and Violet Elizabeth von Merta Longley. Her father, a steam engineer, was born in

Marlborough, Mass. in 1900. Her mother, who was born in San Francisco in 1904, was "wife, mother, fastest most creative candy packer in the West, temporary city police matron during WW11, once held a real estate license and was a mover and shaker in city politics. An 'Activist' before it was fashionable." (Does this tell you something about Faye? Genes will out.) Faye has an older sister who lives in Las Vegas.

Meanwhile, in Beaver, Utah, **EVERETT KEITH MESSINGER** was born to Marshall B. Messinger and Drucilla May Boyter Messinger. Marshall Messinger was a Sales Manager for the Stahl Motor Co, Mercedes-Benz, and Drucilla was a homemaker. (I suspect some active genes on this side, also.) Ev has one brother, Ray, who lives in Monterey.

I have it on good authority that Faye and Ev met when they were about twelve and Ev was introduced to a neighbor while attending a Scout meeting at a friend's house. Faye started school at M.R. Trace in San Jose, but then went to Robert Down School in Pacific Grove. Ev was pursuing a parallel education at Walter Colton School in Monterey. Faye became a freshman at Pacific Grove High when Ev entered Monterey Union High School. Enough of that. Finally, Faye entered Monterey

High School in the second half of her sophomore year. (I was so relieved to read this.) Faye and Ev renewed their friendship and started dating in their senior year.

As to areas of interest, Faye enjoyed social studies and school government in elementary school. Faye claims that the only sport she was good at was archery, and she hated it. (Her sister had been the Jr. State Champ in the '30's.) She added biology as an interest in high school. She "was going to be the world's greatest bacteriologist." This led her to start a major in pre-med at Hartnell Jr. College in Salinas, but, in her own words, she was a "drop-out." Marriage became her major.

Ev lists three major interests in elementary school, wood-working shop, geography, and orchestra. At Monterey High he developed interests in geometry, chemistry, orchestra (Concert Master, violin), and typing. Ev's "claim to fame" is that he won the North Coast Section Doubles Tennis Title at Stanford University in 1947 (senior year), he attended "Boy's State" at Sacramento as a representative of Monterey High School, and he was the first Eagle Scout of Troop 2, Monterey. (Boy Scouts). Obviously, Ev was a good citizen even then. After graduation he went to the University of California on a

scholarship where he majored in pre-med and business.

(These two should have continued. They might have won the Nobel Prize.) Ev was on the freshman tennis team, and joined the Theta Xi Fraternity, the French Club, and the orchestra. Ev earned his AA degree after two years at Cal and then left to go to work and marry Faye on Sept., 10, 1949.

Faye has worked variously for John Hancock Life Insurance, Monterey County Bank, a doctor in Camarillo, a lab at Ventura County Hospital, and assorted other doctors. Her first job was soda jerk in a drugstore fountain at the age of thirteen. Her career job, although she didn't know it at the time, began when she started working for French Glass, where she worked for thirty three years.

Ev also began early, mowing neighbor's lawns, as a paper boy, as a bag boy-stockboy-assistant butcher at a Food-Mart. He was a hasher at a Fraternity, tended bar at Fraternity functions, painted houses, gardened, mixed and poured concrete in the Berkeley Hills at private residences to earn money for school. In the summer he worked in the parts department at Stahl Motor Co. After marriage, Ev was the Manager, Western Auto Supply, Redondo Beach and Torrance, CA. He went on to become co-owner

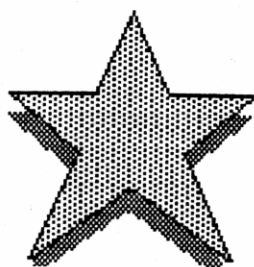
(w/Faye) and President of Thomas H. French Glass, Inc. Ev started here as an employee of the Glass and Glazing Sub-Contractor in Monterey, then bought the firm in 1975. After thirty-one years with French Glass, Ev and Faye sold the company in 1987 and retired.

On March 10, 1953, at the age of twenty-five, Ev was drafted into the army. To quote: "My friends and neighbors needed my help." He was posted as SGT., AG, Message Center, Fort Ord, CA. He later spent ten months in Orleans, France, in G-2 Intelligence, where he screened military and French citizens for "Top Secret Classifications." Ev notes: "I was on my way to Korea twice but a friend of Faye's father won me in a poker game with a SGT. in charge of Classification & Assignment at Ft. Ord. He was able to pull my orders and assign me to Fort Ord the first time my name came up and to send me to Europe (instead of Korea) the second time. Toured Europe on my leaves: France, Germany, England, & Spain. COM-Z Tennis Team, Orleans, France. Played all over France with the team." Meanwhile, back in California, Faye says she was an unwilling army wife whose duty it was to find a new job back in Monterey.

Faye claims that her favorite leisure -time activities

are goofing-off, doing creative things with the computer & photo-copier, some gardening and dabbling in writing. At the same time, Ev is playing tennis, golfing, trout fishing and bike riding. He also enjoys photography as a serious hobby. Faye considers MBCU and Leadership Monterey Peninsula to be serious hobbies. Leadership Monterey is a non-profit organization for which she serves on the board. Faye has also done a lot of research on the founding of Susanville, CA, a North Eastern town she has adopted. They have dubbed her their "expert" on Isaac Newton Roop. Faye has been a guest of the City once and a guest of the Historical Society on auspicious occasions.

I must close this chronicle of two busy and accomplished people before the thought of their energy and activities leaves me in a state of exhaustion. I know as I write this that Faye and Ev are working ceaselessly to make our World Class Gypsy Rally a resounding success. Many, many thanks to our handsome *Rai* and his gracious *Rawnee*



INSTALLATION RALLY

The new slate of officers of the Monterey Bay California Unit, Region X11, WBCCI will be inducted at the Installation Rally, November 3-6, 1994, at the Betabel R.V. Resort. The Installation Luncheon is to be held at Cadamatori's Restaurant in San Juan Bautista. Please come to welcome your new officers:

President	Ken Harris
1st V.P.	Mack McKnight
2nd V.P.	Dick Salesses
Corr. Sect'y	Patty Salesses
Rec. Sect'y	Molly McKnight
Assis. R.S.	Shirley Gorman
Treasurer	Bob Oliver
Trustee 93/95	Gerry Pettis
Trustee 94/95	John Beach
Trustee 94/96	Lloyd Brown
Trustee 94/96	Lucille Conner
Past Pres.	Bill Weston

Congratulations to you all and thank you for your interest in and commitment to MBCU. Let's all remember constantly that you get out of any activity or organization only what you put into it. We are very fortunate at MBCU to have a group who are all willing to work for the common good.

