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Arrived at scheduled RV Park at midnight. No sign of life at office so we all parked ourselves. Then on to Timberland RV Park at Terrace. Very nice. Cords of free firewood. Jack could hardly restrain himself. Our next stop was at the Indian Village Campground at Hazelton and then on to Burns Lake. Sadness here as ED had to take Hazel to the hospital in the night. Seemed wise to cancel further travel and they headed home.

Government Park (we often used these) at Beaumont our next stop. A beautiful setting and we parked in a circle which was nice. Continued our group meals, Campfires, and Happy Hour comradeship. What a life!

June 23: Car pooled for sight-seeing trip to Fort James. That is one car made the trip & the rest rode in Art's Motorhome. Claims they party'd both coming & going. Anyway, a most interesting visit to this completely restored Fort from Indian Days. Ruth recorded at this time that this was our 31st day since leaving home.

June 26: Moved our camp to Prince George. Interesting to note that here we saw the same Red & Black German Tour Bus.....with rabbit hutch like sleeping quarters...that we had seen in Yosemite on that Caravan, and which we Browns have seen in Alaska, New Zealand, Yellowstone, in Europe, etc. They are truly great travelers.

Car pooled for Nukli Lake sight-seeing. Still more of same at Lake Frasier, and group barbecue in the evening. Then off for Prince George where we visited downtown to buy things at the Hudson Bay Co. Trading Post. Our camp move to Vallemont (Canadian Hwy 16) was the roughest road of our trip. Sure shook things up. Then on June 29 moved to Jasper. Hiked the trails, visited the displays, saw three moose. Spent days on the "Loop Drive", various icefields, took cable ride up mountains, rode the tremendous Ice Cats at the glaciers. Were told local rivers run into three oceans....the Pacific, the Atlantic, & the Arctic Seas.

Lake Louise was seen from our Golden stop. Glen talked for days about the beautiful female Doctor who doctored his sore arm. Seemed to get better. On drive to Radiam Hot Springs saw Elk, Moose, & Goats along the way. Beautiful drive. At Ft. Steel we enjoyed the Indian Pow Wow. Well, watched & listened to them.....maybe enjoy is a bit strong. And wasn't the Koot Nanny Melodrama night something! Fun.

July 15 arrived for two day Watertown Lakes visit. More great sight-seeing. On evening of 17th enjoyed big Filet Steak barbecue with wine to celebrate end of Caravan. Jack handed out the plaques. Next morning we headed different ways for the trip home.

A TRULY WONDERFUL CARAVAN.



FALL DESERT Caravan No. 22 - Leaders Hoffmans

Sept. 21 to 29, 1984 - 8 days, 854 miles, \$362 (Browns)
Members: Pettis's, Hoffmans, Browns, Dahmes, Ashton/Rose,
Benjamin, Leggats, Connells.

This Caravan organized to cover trip to Region 12 Fall Rally at Hemet. Rally OK but weather very HOT! Met old friends including LeRoy Smart.

Sept 21, 1984: MBCU Sept. Rally at San Lorenzo Park in King City. Enjoyed Howard Garner's pictures of their recent visit to Sweden & Africa. Following Unit breakfast Caravan 22 headed South. Made rest stop & lunch and arrived Refugio Beach for two night stop. Took walks on close by beach. Group dinner made up of chicken, salad, spaghetti, & cake left over from Rally. Next day more beach combing, Tile, card games. Hamburger dinner that night.

Sept 25: Left for Puddingstone Lake with stop at Camper World for necessary (or more likely, unnecessary) supplies. Then into this County Park with full Hook-ups. A very nice spot. Weather Hot but cooler that evening with thunder showers.

Sept 26: Left for Region 12 Hemet Rally. Picked up the Leggats who were waiting at the gate. All parked together. Heavy rain at Happy Hour (3/4" in half hour). Ruth walked back in bare feet to save her shoes. Next day our group drove to Riverside....made 1 1/4 hour - \$2.00 very excellent tour of Mission Hotel. Had lunch there.

Sept 29: Broke camp & headed home. We Browns drove 455 miles that day to reach home, and cooler weather.

Recorded in 1995 by Lloyd from Ruth's Diary & Memory.

SUB-SEALEVEL SAFARI - Caravan No. 23 - Leaders Kellonds.
Feb 10 to 25, 1985 - 17 nights, 1,661 miles - \$571 Browns
Members: Webers, Browns, Olivers, Leggats, Kellonds,
Gormans, Ginters, Coxes, Benjamin, Ashton/Rose, Connells,
Garrisons, Strains, Chinns. Guests LeRoy & Jane Everett

Feb 10, 1985 gathered for our first night at San Lorenzo Park in King City. Moved on to Flying Lady RV Park for second night. Walked across bridge to Andersen's Split Peas Soup for dinner. Then on to KOA Barstow, via Ventura & Santa Paula Valley. Busy & fun nights at Happy Hours & dinners. Spent two nights. Some visited Calico.

Feb 14: Off to Death Valley. Christine drove their rig and Glen drove for Bob Oliver, who was slightly under the weather at this point. We turned North at Baker on Hwy 127. Were able to park nicely grouped in Sunshine Camp right across from the Visitor Center. Easy walk back and forth to view displays & watch educational program. Had fun Happy Hours and helped celebrate the Kellond's 38th Anniversary. And all this at the peak of our Whistlers & Singing Troubadours national success. Well, regional, anyway.

Feb 16: Following a great breakfast, three car loads of Caravanners, lunches in hand, departed for a tour of Scotty's Castle. Following impressive tour, enjoyed our lunch at the picnic area in the shade of the cottonwoods. On way home visited Mesquite Springs & Stove Pipe Wells.

Feb 17: Car Pooled and made interesting tour of Badwater (283" below Sea Level) and walked the Devil's Golf Course. Next day some golfed. Two tables of rummy held forth. Repairs were made to trailers. A pleasant easy day. The following day we broke camp & returned to Barstow. Chicken barbecue that evening. Next day we headed for Joshua Tree Nat'l Mont. Were slowed down by heavy winds. Happy Hour that night was a real test of human strength. A "thousand mile an hour" wind kept us hanging on in the lee side of our largest trailer. All dressed in our warmest clothes. THEN, who should drive up (or perhaps sail up) but Ruth & Charlie Penner. (They own trailer space close by) Even tho' they brought very fancy hors d'ouvres, the H/H was cut short and we all took to our trailers.

Feb 21: Because of the wind, it was decided to cut our stay and proceed to Butterfield Ranch. A stop was made at Valerie Jeans for dates, etc., and we headed off on Hwy CA-78 for the Ranch. With the tailwinds some reported over 19 MPG, but then some we never did believe anyway. We sure did enjoy the peace & quiet of this place.

Feb 22: Car Pooled for trip over to Anza-Borrego State Park (largest State Park in the USA). Enjoyed slide shows & outside walks on their highly organized trails. The other important trip was to Palm Canyon, with lunches, and 1½ mile hike (all up hill) to the real center of the canyon. The few making it, said it was wonderful. We are all proud of Margaret who hiked the farthest.

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On the 23rd, four carloads of happy people left to explore the old Butterfield Trail. Stagecoaches, Pony Express, bandits, & all that stuff. Enjoyed signs of adobe buildings, Coach stops, Emigrant trail, etc.

Returned to camp for Eleanor's chicken soup lunch. Group dinner that evening in the Butterfield Restaurant. Next day moved to Ramona - Dos Picos, the San Diego County Park. Enjoyed the monorail tour of the wild animal park. The wild bird show was especially enjoyable.

At Happy Hour plaques were given out and speeches were made. What a great group.

Still another wonderful MBCU Caravan.

Recorded in 1995 by Lloyd from Ruth's Diary & Memory.

HAT CREEK - SHASTA Caravan No. 24 - Leaders Burnes
June 2 - 18, 1985 - 16 days, 1,382 miles. \$512.00 Browns
Members: Olivers, Davi's. Ashton/Rose, Dahmes, Browns,
Benjamin, Pettises, Ginters, Strains, Burnes

June 2, 1985: Departed the MBCU Monthly Rally at the Cox Ranch following a wonderful Breakfast....Pancakes, strawberries, & sausages. Headed North on Hwy 1, over the Golden Gate Bridge, made the usual stop near Corning to stock up on olives, and set up camp in beautiful Woodsin Bridge State Park. Lawn & shade trees. Celebrated Bob Oliver's Birthday at Happy Hour. Ah, 39 at last.

Arrived Hat Creek Group Area the next day. Impressive with our own "locked" gate. Scouted up wood using my electric chain saw & Earl's generator. Thus sure of campfires for our stay. Big hamburger feed that night.

Hat Creek is a noted trout stream and our fishermen kept things going in this department. Many hikes were taken up & down the stream, and to the Lava Caves. Dick & Lloyd hired a guide and spent one day on the Rising River with limited success. But a lot of beautiful scenery and a nice experience.

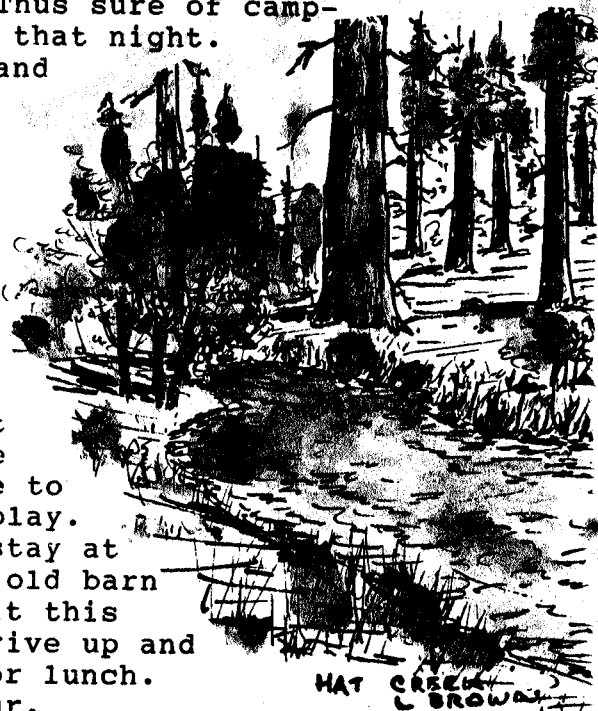
The group made the one day trip up to Lava Lodge for lunch, and sight-seeing of Burney Falls and the museum at Fall River Mills. All enjoyed our Prime Rib Dinner at Uncle Runts. And a chance to look over the stock of knit hats on display.

June 10: Left for McCloud and our stay at the Dance Country RV Park. Interesting old barn used by the Square Dance Clubs that visit this place. Car Pooled for a sight-seeing drive up and around Mt. Shasta with a stop in town for lunch. Celebrated Gladys's Birthday at Happy Hour.

Trout fishing was very good on the McCloud River. Hiking, card & Tile games used up the time in this beautiful spot. This was the last stop for most of our group and they left for home on June 14. the four rigs of

Pettis, Brown, Benjamin, & Ginter headed N/E for Sheepie Ridge RV Park near Tule Lake at the Oregon Border. A great hunting spot in the winter months. Interesting place and we did a lot of serious Birding while here.

Had a great fun night in their Lodge. All ordered their steak dinner then learned we had to cook them ourselves. Interesting antique Hotel size iron stove. They lit the fire, we cooked. They rounded out meal with salad, potatoes, etc. Nice young San Jose couple running the place. June 18 left for home. A real fine Caravan and we will always remember Sheepie Ridge.



POTLATCH Caravan No. 25 - Leaders Comries. Aug 1 to 14, 1985
Traveled 1867 miles - spent 13 nights - \$694.00 (Browns)
Members: Strains, Browns, Comries, Leiths, Meyers, Pettises,
Dahmes, This Caravan organized to cover trip North
to attend the Washington Unit Potlatch Nat'l Rally at Lacy.

August 1, 1985: Left home, drove 330 miles to the rest stop at Weed. Spent night here alone. Next morning drove North on Hwy 5 to Champoen State Park in Oregon. (334 miles) Here we joined the rest of the Caravan. Enjoyed a fun Happy Hour.....nice to be with the group. A very cold night but daytime weather almost perfect.

August 3: Left at 8:00AM for the drive to the Potlatch Rally on the grounds of the Washington Unit's Land Yacht Harbor. Nice arrangement with fine buildings for meetings. our little group could park together. It is our understanding that this was the very first such Airstream Land Yacht Harbor ever established and has been used as a model for many others that followed. Enjoyed our own chicken barbecue that evening and then attended the meetings in the building.

August 4: Pancakes & eggs for breakfast this morning. Nicely served by the Washington members. Attended the various meetings & activities that followed. Our group went out to the Oyster House for an outstanding meal that evening.....then back to the meetings. The next day the Strains took Jack and we Browns for a tour of Gig Harbor that used up most of the day. Lots to see. The evening program involved several live wolves with their trainers. Quite a show.

August 6: The men went out to a berry farm and picked Blueberries like mad. The women cooked them up in pies, cobblers, and served them with ice cream. GREAT! Attended a free Pizza party but a very long line.....you know Airstreamers and free things. On the 7th. we drove over to the Evergreen College as we knew Laura Carter was attending Classes. Found her room but not home. Left note. Took in the Olympic Brewery Tour which was interesting. Had lunch on the grounds in a great restaurant that has been established in the original Brewery office.

Aug 8: Big Hobbie show today. Lloyd demonstrated Card Making. Hot dog Lunch. Sale in afternoon.....Ruth bought dozen eggs. Out for dinner that evening. Potlatch furnished an S.O.S on biscuit breakfast the next morning. Enjoyed watermellon & cookies with our own group that evening. Aug 10th Swap Meeting. Big Salmon Barbecue that evening to wind up the Potlatch Rally. Very Good!

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Aug 11: Ruth & I left the Rally Site at 7:00AM, moved our trailer 50 miles to the Lewis & Clark State Park, unhooked and made the drive up to St. Helens. and the sight of devastation. It was truly unbelievable and something we will never forget. The whole thing still smoking.

Drove back, picked up our trailer and parked for the night at a private RV Park. Full Hookups, \$8.00.

Aug 12: Moved South to the always beautiful Rogue River State Campground. Full Hookups.....half acre of lawn covered space.....\$10.00! Next day moved down to the GandyDancer RV Park near Vacaville. New to us but good. Left next morning at 7:00 for drive to our Los Gatos Home.

A real fine fun trip.

Recorded in 1995 by Lloyd from Ruth's Diary & Memories.

SOUTH COAST SAFARI Caravan No. 26 - Leaders Kellonds
Sept 21 - Oct 3, 1985 - 11 days, 1019 miles, \$513. Browns
Members: Coxes, Jensens, Gormans, Kellonds, Browns, Arzies,
Garners, Strains, Benjamin, Leiths, Comries, Leggats,
Ashton/Rose, Davi's.

Sept 21, 1985. This Caravan left on Sunday following our MBCU Rally at Lake San Antonio. The highlight of that Rally was the great AIR & SEA contest. Jack made & flew his paper plane the furthest - Chris made the best boat from the materials furnished. Were served a great breakfast.

Arrived at Morro Bay about noon. State Park Group Area was very crowded.....lots of trees...tough parking. Howard Garner got stuck twice & we used Dick's car & Lloyd's cable to pull him out of the sand. All 31 folks went out to dinner at the Hungry Tiger. A good meal & real fun time.

Sept 22: Moved to Lake Lopez. Again a tough parking problem as space too small. Sight-seeing, Tile, & Cards in afternoon. Group dinner served by our ladies followed by a song fest around the campfire. Next day a busy one. Another in camp dinner with special wine to celebrate Jay's Birthday. Music & campfire to end the day.

The days passed quickly and we moved on to Vandenburg Airforce Base. Art Kellond's Military connections made parking possible on the grounds. Very special & enjoyed by all. Then all went to dinner at the Officers Club. Good food in a very nice setting. A military bus took us for a tour of the grounds the next morning including a look at the launch site. Quite impressive.

Sept 27: Moved to El Capitan Beach. Barbecue Chicken Dinner in camp. Used this base for sight-seeing trips to Santa Barbara & surrounding area. Took in Missions, museums, Art shows, etc. Wonderful weather. Enjoyed joint breakfasts, beach walks, Cards & Tile. At one Happy Hour Dick Ginter gave a talk on this new illness - AIDS.

On Sunday those needing to get back home left us. Arzies, Leggats, Ashton/Rose, & Strains. We spent much of day on the beach. Bon fire that evening. More sight seeing the next day. The Wildlife Museum was outstanding. The bird exhibit was of special interest to us.

Oct 1: Moved to Edward Airforce Base and again Art could arrange our parking space. Then tours of the base. Visited NASA - were shown movies - Museum of historic planes. All very impressive. What a privilege to be able to see all this. And then topped it off with lunch at the Officer's Club. Next day moved to KOA Bakersfield, and then home on Oct. 3rd.

A MOST OUTSTANDING CARAVAN. GREAT!

Recorded in 1995 by Lloyd from Ruth's Diary & Memory.

CARAVAN 27, BUTTERFIELD RANCH

Leaders: Jack Benjamin

Time: January

Participants:

Lloyd and Ruth Brown
Bill and Irene Burns ?
Russ and Eva Comrie ?
Bob and Alma Connell ?
Glen and Christine Cox ?
Bob and Dolores Dahme ?
Joe and Shirley Gorman
Amye and Orville Hoffman ?
Bob and Rosa Oliver
Jerry and Edna Strain
Jack Benjamin

Route: Bakersfield, Mojave, San Bernadino, south
to Anza Borrego and Butterfield Ranch.

Return: same, in reverse

Description:

The purpose of the caravan was to enjoy the Anza Borrego area headquartering at the excellent large campground named Butterfield Ranch for the Butterfield stage route which passes to the east side of the campground. Rather than caravanning from place to place, the idea was to go to one place and go on short trips from there. The length of stay was to be a week to a month.

No records exist of the caravan. Best guess is six trailers went, most for a week, one for three weeks. We took trips east, south, and north to historical and interesting locations, but the main object was to walk around, loaf, and enjoy the warm weather.

Reported August 1995 by Jack Benjamin

SOUTH TO ARIZONA Caravan No. 28 - Leaders Donalds

Feb 23 to Mar 15, 1986 Nine Trailers Approx 1700 miles
Members: Benjamin, Connells, Dahmes, Donalds, The Sid
Grossmas, the Paul Grossmans, Leiths, Pettises, Strains.

Feb 23, 1986: The Caravan gathered at Kayo's RV Park in Mojave. Only by chance, the Ken Eckleys & the Harry Meyers happened to use this same park that night, each returning from separate trips, thus resulting in a fun reunion party that evening.

Moved on the next day to the Desert Center. Happy Hour was enlarged by visitors Ruth & Charlie Penner, their in-laws the Andersons, and the Moes of the Santa Clara Unit. Nice gathering. Then on to Yuma and the Country Roads RV Park. In the afternoon,,,,,car pooled for the drive over to the Webber Home. Found the Pettises already there and Esther & Sid Grossman joined soon after. Lots to talk about & a GREAT PARTY.

The next move was to Organ Pipes Nat'l Mon. It should be reported that there have been a number of car problems and the weather has been very hot. But all this overcome in fine shape. Spent five nights at this stop which gave time for many sight-seeing trips, and several organized hikes. Buying trips were made across the Border. Shrimp seemed to be plentiful.....and very GOOD. The Ajo Mountain Drive, even tho' over dirt road, was popular. Coyote, rabbits Roadrunners were seen. One important addition to the usual Happy Hour at this stop were the Airstream strangers parked close by.....Barbara & Dave Paxton. Of course now history that they later on joined our MBCU and became fine active members of our group.

The Tucson Rincon Country West was our next campsite. Spent two nights here allowing one day for touring. The Desert Museum was of particular interest. The Wells Fargo RV Park was our address in Tombstone. This is always an interesting stop and all enjoyed getting "dressed up" for a nice dinner arranged by Jerry Strain at the Fort Huachuca Officer's Club.

And all will remember that GREAT steak dinner arranged by Sid & Bob Connell. And how about that night at the Melodrama, the Alaskan. The hissing, booing, clapping, and yes even the singing, was fun. The visit to Bisbee was made, some shopping, some touring the Queen Mine.

At the next Sunsites, AZ stop two days allowed visits to Cochise Stronghold Canyon, Chiricahua Nat'l Mon., the Masai Mt. Trail, etc. Then on to Casa Grande, and then home.

An interesting & fun Caravan.

Reported in 1995 from Dot Donald's notes.

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Two Rallies & Yosemite Caravan - 749 miles, \$439 (Browns)
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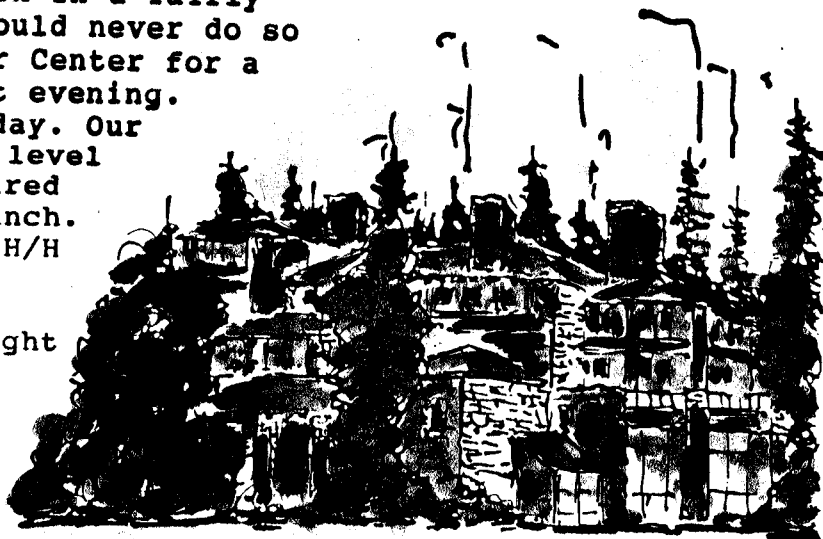
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BOISE Caravan No. 30 - Leaders Donalds - June 1-30, 1986
2,291 Miles - 28 days - spent \$747.00 (Browns)
Members: Bengamin, Browns, Burnes, Donalds, Gormans, Dick &
Ann Hinkley, Hoffmans, Kellonds, Olivers, H & Dolly Walker.

June 1: Leaving the MBCU Swiss Rifle Club Rally, the Caravan moved to the Happy Times RV Park in Dunningan. It was at this stop that Harry & Dolly Walker of Ohio joined our group. They had learned of our Caravan from our other Visitors, the Hinkleys. Next day we drove the 147 miles to Hat Creek and parked in the reserved Group Campsite. The usual campfire was started that evening and the Olivers furnished champagne to celebrate Bob's Birthday. Jack had a new cassette player & played Nashville music.

June 3: Filled the cars & drove up to Burney Falls. Ham Hock & beans with corn bread & salad made up the dinner. Waffle breakfast the next morning. Some fishing. Then hiked the Spatter Cone Trail. Fished & gathered fire wood in afternoon. Pot Luck Dinner & then Shirley brought out a cake. This with Champagne to celebrate the Hinkley's 10th wedding Anniversary.

June 5: This was our big day for lunch at Lava Creek Lodge. Toured the fish hatchery, the power dam, and the Fort Crock Museum at Fall River Mills. At the lodge a spirited game of Croquet developed. There was much shouting and waving of arms, and some confusion on just who did win. The next day was spent exploring Lassen Park. Lots of deep snow banks. Ate our lunches in the Desolation Area. Then to Uncle Runt's Place for dinner. Next day we took our flashlights for the hike through the Lava Tubes. Some further exploring, some fishing, more Tile games, etc. Steak Barbecue that evening. Dolly has been telling some very funny stories. She does it well. And, at tonight's campfire Ann & Dick cooked up delicious 'S'Mories.

June 9: It was only 70 miles to our next campsite at the Dance Country RV Park at McCloud. From here the 104 mile sight-seeing trip was made around Mt. Shasta. The McCloud Falls & Squaw Lake were also visited. Campfires & joint dinners rounded things out nicely. On June 11 we moved to Collier State Park. The full hook up campsites were beautiful but mosquitos unmerciful. From here we made the trip into Crater Lake. Still lot of snow but most of the rim open for our inspection. Ate lunch in the Park Cafeteria. June 13 we moved to Crescent Lake. Great spot altho' far from level spaces. Lots of leveling blocks used. Great Hamburger feed that evening and a waffle breakfast the next morning. Boy, are they feeding us.

June 15: An easy going day. Some walked over to the Lodge to watch the US Open Golf Match. Dick Hinkel started the fire for the noon pie-iron pizza lunch. Furthermore, he proved to be an experienced hand at preparing these. Claimed many years of experience in this field.

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June 16: moved to the KOA at Sisters. On the way, visited High Desert Museum near Bend. Outstanding. More joint meals in camp. Some sightseeing....shopping. Etc.

The next day we filled up the cars, took our lunch & drove up to Three Creek Lake 7000' so lots of snow. The following day we visited the Llama Farm, largest such in USA. Visited town of Sisters then over Santam Pass to the Santiam Falls on the McKensie River. A great sight. Found we could not circle the Sisters as roads still snow-bound. The next day we Browns wandered into a shop selling leather rugs. Bot' one. Others in camp

liked so also ran in- to town to buy one. Became madhouse as more & more also wanted a rug. Should have paid us a commission.

At Happy Hour, Dolly appeared in a 1925 era very short black dress with red fringes & tassels, black stockings, and then did a very snappy Charleston. Damn good at it, too. Enjoyed dinner in the upstairs Banquet Room of the very old, but charming, Sisters Hotel. (Built 1906). This fanal Caravan dinner as some leaving tomorrow.

June 20: The shrinking Caravan moved to the John Day State Park. What a beautiful place this is. A relaxing day with Tile & Card games. Usual Happy Hour and diner on our own. On the 21st we move to Wallowa Lake, a place we have always enjoyed so much. As in the past the deer were constantly looking for a handout. A squirrel enjoyed our peanuts.

In the next five days we visited the museum at Joseph and did sight-seeing of the area. Another day we rode the Tramway to the top of the mountain. Breathtaking view. Claimed to be the steepest vertical 4 passenger gondola in North America. We ate a fine lunch at Pete's Pond in Enterprise. More Waffle Breakfasts. Played Bridge. And always a campfire, H/H, and chit-chat. On our last day those attending International headed East. We Browns headed home.

A TRULY WONDERFUL CARAVAN.



UP THE COLORADO Caravan No. 31 - Leaders Leiths.

Feb 22 - Mar 13, 1987. 2073 Miles - 19 days, \$710 (Browns) Members: Benjamin, Browns, Comries, Coxes, Dahmes, Gormans, Hoffmans, Kellonds, Leiths, Paxtons, Pettises, Strains, Webbers.

Feb 22, 1987 Departed Monterey RV Park and the MBCU monthly rally. First night stop was at Buena Vista Aquatic Park near Bakersfield. A nice spot. Heavy winds came up during the night. Very windy on Tehachapi Pass...some ice & sleet.

Made a very interesting stop at the Mojave Airport where the "VOYAGER" was on display before being shipped to the Smithsonian Institute. Both the man & woman who had flown the plane non-stop around the world were there selling their books, etc. By Kramer's Corners the wind was so strong we were advised at the Service Station to "hole up" for a day. But we pressed on to our scheduled stop at the Twenty Nine RV Park. Because of poor weather it was decided to cancel our second night here and proceed on to Yuma the next day. In fact, weather prevented an outside H/H and we all climbed into the Kellond Motorhome for what turned out to be "one Hell of a party!"



Feb 24: Drove down through Joshua Trees Nat'l Park and on to Yuma. Snow at sides of the road but beautiful area. Were very well pleased with the Country Roads RV Park east of Yuma. Found Paxtons, & Hoffmans already here, Coxes & Pettises arrived later, and the Webbers are close by. So all are present and accounted for. Must report that Earl has now grown a beard.....startling! Had the usual fine mexican dinner at that same famous place.....FUN!

Of course, a few pitchers of those Margaretas helped some.

Feb 25: A quiet day until suddenly we received the news that Joe had taken a fall at the Military Base and broke his hip. Taken to the Hospital. Was operated on the next day and we received the news that the Doctors felt a complete success. But he certainly is laid up for some time. Shirley "booked" a trailer space for a month close to the Center. Russ moved the Gorman trailer to this spot. Dave

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& Lloyd started work on a wheelchair ramp attached to doorway of the Gorman's Airstream. Scrounged materials from all over. But things must go on and the rest of us drove over to the Webber home for the scheduled Dinner Party. And what a GREAT party it was. Turned out to be the Webber's "almost" 50th Anniversary Bash. (Four months ahead of actual date.) What fun!

Feb 27: Shirley reported Joe had a good night without problems. The ramp was finished up. Then we all waved as we drove out and headed for Lost Lake Resort. Quiet afternoon with card games, Tile, naps, and some shooting of Earl's Muzzel Loading Pistols. (No, not in camp)! Next morning was quite cold. Many long icicles hanging from the tree branches where the sprinkler system had wet things down in the night. Quite an unusual sight for we Californians

Beautiful drive up the Colorado to our next stop at the Crazy Horse RV Park in Havasu City. Parked us together in a group area down on the River. Enjoyed visit to London Bridge & tourist center. Great Pot Luck dinner that evening. Sure enjoyed watching the almost tame Road Runners. Could almost hand feed them. Moved next to Laughlin, Nv. and quick visit to the casinos. Some ate dinner there.

Then on to the Valley of Fire State Park. A very tough parking problem for Jack and we ended up in two groups some distance apart. Celebrated Eva's Birthday with Chile Russ was cooking up all day, plus Pot luck items from others. Did lots of sight-seeing. Enjoyed Visitor Center. Next Caravan move was to Circusland RV Park in Los Vegas. Won & lost small amounts of money. Some of our group had to return home from this stop. Nine trailers made the 177 mile run over to Mesquite Springs Campsite in Death Valley. Scotty's Castle was visited and had a quiet evening following H/H.

Our next camp was in Sunset Campground close to Furnace Creek Ranch, still in Death Valley. More sightseeing. Then March 11 and our last full day together. Thus our caravan was coming to an end. As a dinner reservation was not available the reservation was for a "FINAL BANQUET LUNCHEON". Then our folks scattered for home.

And so another active MBCU Caravan is added to history.

**WESTERN STATES/INTERNATIONAL Caravan #32 - Leaders Gormans
May 31 - July 28, 1987 - 4297 Miles - \$1,728 spent Browns
Members: Gormans, Beasleys, Benjamin, Gerolds, Ginters,
Browns, Connells, Hoffmans, Leiths, Cox's, Kellonds.**

Joe & Shirley organized this very successful Caravan to "deliver" us to the 30th International Rally at Rapid City, and then to return us safely home. A total of 58 nights, probably the most time spent on any Unit Caravan, EVER! Some went the entire way, some joined or dropped out along the way. We Browns joined at Vernal, Utah, on the way in.

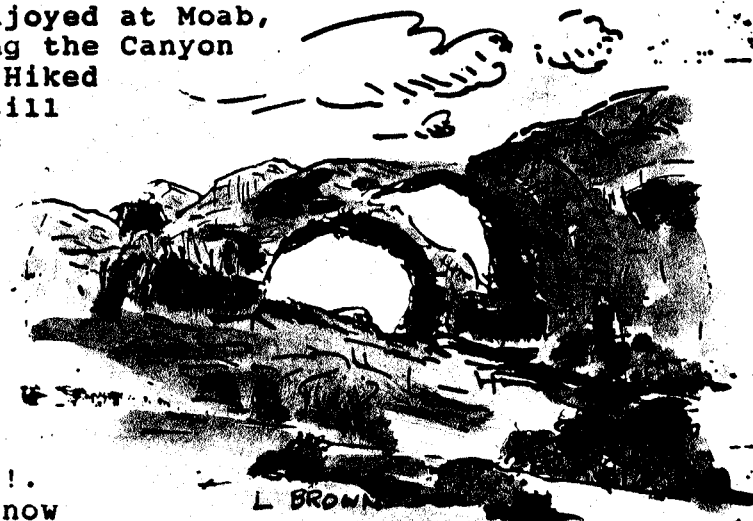
We understand the group gathered at KOA Bakersfield on May 31, 1987. Then spent June 1st in Las Vegas, the 2nd, 3rd, & 4th in Zion. Ah, those beautiful red cliffs. The 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th were spent at Jacobs Lake, Arizona, which for some unknown reason was renamed J. Benjamin Lake. Sight seeing of the Grand Canyon North Rim was made from this stop. Many Group diners, Social gatherings, etc.

The next stop for three nights was at Page, Az. with lots of sight seeing including the boat tour of Page Lake. Rainbow Bridge, Glen Canyon Dam, & the Indian Trading Posts were enjoyed at this stop. The group meals continued to flow. The scenery beyond belief. Weather great.

Then moved to higher country & colder nights at Hatch, Utah, for June 12-13. Then on for three nights at Capitol Reef Nat'l Park. They remark on the fine Visitor Center, sight-seeing the Capitol Gorge & Pioneer Register. Reports of great waffle breakfasts, wonderful group dinners, and Songfests at the evening gatherings. Sure great to have that Jerry Gerold and his guitar along.

June 17, 18, 19 were enjoyed at Moab, Utah, with "scads" of touring the Canyon Lands & Arches Nat'l Mn't. Hiked under & over the Arches. Still more wonderful Group meals & delightful Social Hours. Then on for two days at Vernal, and the GREAT visits to the Dinosaur Quarry, one of the World's largest fossil beds. Can verify this as we Browns joined the Caravan at this stop. Everyone looked well and still "fired with enthusiasm!".

June 22, 23, 24: We're now out "Where the Deer & the Antelope Roam", and have seen many wild ones grazing like cattle as we drive along. Beautiful countryAntelope Flat, Red Canyon, various Visitor Centers, slide shows, programs, ... more than one can remember. THEN, spent the 25th at



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KOA Hot Springs, So. Dakota for full facilities.....must get slicked up for entry tomorrow at INTERNATIONAL!

At International we enjoyed the many programs. And had time to have our own little gatherings. One day we visited Mt. Rushmore and were properly impressed with the splendor of the place. The other GREAT excitement of the Rally was in having the Gormans buy that new 32' trailer. What a job to transfer their "stuff" over from one to the other.

Phase 11 of Caravan #32 left the Grand Rapids Rally Site on July 5 for the 177 mile drive to Lemonade Springs RV Park (Mont) with full hook ups. Next day brought us to KOA Hardin, Mont. We are now in Big Sky country....flat rolling land....thru' Cheyenne Reservation. Enjoyed an interesting walk on the Custer Battlefields. Looked at the gravestones. Next move was to Yellowstone. We "did" the park thoroughly, then moved camp to the Grand Tetons & Colter Bay. What BEAUTY! Makes

one breathless with the splendor. Spent four nights here.

July 16: Camp was moved to the Craters of the Moon. Always interesting to see this place, so like the surface of the Moon. Our notes indicate that we continued to gorge on fine group dinners & frequent waffle breakfasts. Campfires were not uncommon. Happy Hours never missed. Then spent two days in Boise, and made a one night stop at Bend, Ore., on our way to Diamond Lake. We have been driving through lots of farm land....corn, onions, beans, sugar beets, etc. This stop was well worth a four night stop with visits to Crater Lake. Pie Iron Lunches added to the feasting. Hikes taken to try to wear the weight off.

July 25: Headed South & out to the Coast. Enjoyed seeing the Mighty Klamath and the Pacific Ocean again. Had a wonderful dinner at the Stealhead Lodge & celebrated Alma Connell's Birthday. Nice party. Moved to Casper Beach for our last Caravan Night. Lots of hugs, tears, farewells, & a glass or two was hoisted. What a GREAT & WONDERFUL trip this has been. Almost two months & hardly a poor day. What a job Joe & Shirley have done. THANKS!

