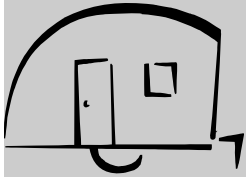


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## President's Report



**Hobo Rally:** Bob and I attended our first Hobo Rally after being members of WBCCI since 2002. The weather was great except for some rain on Saturday before and after the Hobo Parade. We experienced good food, good company, some interesting places we'd never been to and just the overall fun of a rally. The whole hobo theme was fun with lots of attendees dressing up in their hobo best for the parade and judging and, of course, the famous hobo stew on Saturday night. Two of Santa Clara members and one affiliate were the finalists in the women's hobo contest: Second runner-up, Maureen Elliman, first runner-up, Cecelia Stansbury, and the Hobo Queen herself, Karen Walton. I can't remember the runners-up for the men's contest (not from our units) but our very own Bob Elliman came away with the crown as Hobo King. We were all very proud of our unit. Bob and Maureen came to the 50<sup>th</sup> Hobo Rally to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary—how many of us would ever have that opportunity? There was good entertainment throughout the week, we all enjoyed the infamous Hobo Band, and our very own Jack Hampel was the MC each evening. If, for no other reason, you should come to the Hobo to hear Jack's jokes. The three

units, Santa Clara, Golden West and San Joaquin enjoyed a dinner out at Sizzler (one of the few choices of restaurants in Blythe) along with guests, John Boutwell, Joe and Teresa Ten-Berge, Ron and Carolyn Florence (the past International Recording Secretary) and Dave Morris from Toscano. Dave had brought a nice variety of Airstreams for all of us to admire and even sold a few. Unfortunately, when the Ellimans decided to go to Quartzite (the largest flea market I've ever seen), the rear differential on their truck broke. After being towed to the dealer in Blythe and then brought to the fairgrounds, we all started to encourage them to replace their truck. The repairs were going to be very expensive. So they are now the owners of a new Dodge truck. Not a way many of us want to end our experience at a rally.

**Bodega Bay Rally:** Again, we were blessed with good weather, at least on Saturday and Sunday. Bob and I arrived late on Friday afternoon just in time for the rain to end and in time for happy hour. We had a small turnout but that didn't keep those of us that were there from having a good time. We also got to greet new members,

Bill and Deborah Dash, and potential members, Ed and Beth Hagen. Ed and Beth had been parked next to the Johnsons and Freitas's when camping at Casini Ranch and, of course, being good ambassadors for our unit, they invited them to attend a rally.

At our unit meeting on Saturday morning, I reported on the Hobo, we talked about different locations for next year's rallies, talked about updating our unit bylaws to incorporate the email voting and affiliate's voting at International, and I mentioned the cards I had for Ed Lungren and for the Casanovas. Bob gave a membership report and Judy talked about Region activities. After the unit meeting, a group of us enjoyed whale watching and clam chowder, crab sandwiches and I enjoyed a shrimp sandwich. Saturday night after a delicious pot luck, some enjoyed playing games and others enjoyed a camp fire, compliments of Danny Freitas. It was a beautiful day on Sunday so most of us took our time getting ready to leave.

Bob and I will be unable to attend the April rally because of out-of-town guests but will see all of you at the 49er RV Park in May. Don't forget to send in your reservations for May before April 12 to Kathy Hampel. See you down the road, Your President, Cecelia

## ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Hobo King, Bob Elliman and Maureen purchased a lovely silver, Laramie Edition Dodge Ram 2500, with leather seats and a blue tech diesel engine. This model is the Motor Trend truck of the year for 2010. Thanks to Chrysler Motors Western division sales manager Joe Thomas (San Diego unit president) for assisting with the financial dealings. It is good to know those in the know.

Congratulations and thanks to Jack and Kathy Hampel for all the things they do to make our club and the region operate so well.

Thanks to Ernie and Dot Farinha for all the years of attendance and hard work at the Hobo Rally. They winter about an hour from Blythe and never miss this annual event.

Ed and Linda Dodge performed a silent duty at Hobo. They kept track of how many rigs were at the rally each night and created a spread sheet. This is used to pay the fairgrounds their fee of

\$15.00 a night per rig. With over 90 rigs coming and going, it is not an easy task.

Everyone enjoyed the campfire under the stars in Bodega Bay thanks to Danny and Debbie Freitas.

Kia Johnson left for a week in Paris on Monday after the Bodega Bay rally. Jim Johnson headed to Lake Del Valle in Livermore while his wife was in France. The mice will play while the cat's away.

Patrick Nolan livened things up at Bodega Bay with his plethora of great stories about Montana and his work with "Right Size" hospital equipment. He arrived very tired, so after doing some whale watching on Saturday, we let him take a long nap in the afternoon.

Bill and Deborah Dash made their first rally with their son and their new 30' Airstream limited. They are going to be a great addition to our unit.

Eray Honeycutt and

Royce came to Bodega in his beautiful motor home. He had other commitments and had to leave on Saturday. We can never get enough of our good member from Berkeley.

Bob and Cecelia Stansbury are finally saying goodbye to the world of work. We are ending our jobs on June 3<sup>rd</sup> and going to the rally in Patterson. On Saturday evening we will drive up to our home in Carson City. We will leave from there on June 8<sup>th</sup> and head for Gillette, Wyoming for the International rally. On July 6<sup>th</sup> we will head East and not return until the Region Rally in Hemet in the middle of October. Upon completion of that trip, we will have been in all 50 states and 50 capitals. This is a task we have been working on our whole lives.

See you down the road.



# Pictures from the 50th Annual Hobo Rally



Congratulations to the  
2010 Hobo King and  
Queen!

Bob Elliman Karen Walton



2010 Hobo King and Queen

# Pictures continue



Jack Hampel as MC of the Hobo Rally



Don Clark



Hobo Parade

# General Information



## March

- 02 Clarence Dorsett
- 17 Carolyn Meeker
- 19 Patrick Nolan
- 20 Janet Walde
- 22 Michael Kilbride
- 24 Anne Verrips
- 27 Cecelia Stansbury

## April

- 02 Barbara Deardorff
- 03 Lois Stoltenberg
- 10 Babs Stimmel
- 10 John Leggett
- 17 Cindy Arimoto
- 30 Jim Gong

## March

- 03 Michael and Maria Kilbride
- 19 Peter and Janet Walde

## April

- 04 Carl and Anne Verrips
- 16 Peter and Linda Heylin
- 20 Robert and Cecelia Stansbury
- 22 Clarence and Doris Dorsett

## Happy Birthday Golden West



## March 2010 Showers

*Sad Times for our Unit*

*March was a sad month for our unit, losing two of our members within 6 days of each other.*

*Charlotte Lungren, our newest member having just joined the unit in January, suffered a stroke in February and passed away on March 6.*

*Hernan Casonovas, a member since 2006, passed away on March 11 after a struggle with infections. Twelve Airstreamers, representing Golden West and Region 12, San Joaquin and Santa Clara travelled to Hernan's services at the hospital he worked at in Los Gatos on March 26th.*

*It was a moving service with quite a tribute to Hernan from his grandchildren, son and his medical partner. Bob Stansbury spoke on behalf of the Airstreamers and sang a song in his honor.*

*We will miss them both, hope to see their spouses at future rallies.*



## Upcoming Rallies

**April 15 – 19, 2010**

**Bass Lake Near Fresno CA**

**May 13 - 17, 2010**

**49er RV Ranch Columbia CA**

**June 3 - 7, 2010**

**Kit Fox RV Park Patterson CA**

**June 27—July 4th 2010**

**International Rally, Gillette WY**

**August 12-16, 2010**

**San Andreas CA**

# Pictures from the Bodega Bay Rally

