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Special Points of Interest:

- Bass Lake Rally, April 15-19, 2010
- 49er RV Ranch Rally, May 13-17, 2010



NANCY'S BODEGA BAY RALLY NEWS

The Bodega Bay Rally was small in number but packed with fun. Dale could not attend the rally so he dropped my girlfriend Pam and I off the previous Sunday and returned to join the rally the following Saturday. I had time to scour the area for places to go and things to see. I take my job as rally host very seriously. Some of the places Pam and I visited were the Luther Burbank gardens and Farm, Korbel winery with a great tour, the town of Sebastopol and Bodega where the movie "The Birds" was filmed.

Thursday Doris & Clarence Dorsett and Jim & Karen Walton, my co-hosts arrived. With Karen's expertise and decorations we set up the club house. Then it was time for Happy Hour. Ken Bechthold came by on his motorcycle for a visit. That evening we all went out for dinner at the Spin-

drift. Everyone said there dinners were delicious. I know mine was.

Friday everyone arrived. Unfortunately the weather was not good. It poured all day. Judy Bechthold came sans trailer. She stayed at a local hotel. Jack & Kathy Hampel arrived with their Bambi, and Bob & Cecelia Stansbury arrived that evening. Jim Johnson and Danny Freitas met a fellow Airstreamers at a campground and told them to come visit a rally. They came to ours! Their names were Ed & Beth and they were extremely nice. We invited them to join the festivities and they did. Ed is 6'7" tall. That evening I made Apricot chicken and Karen made creamy mashed potatoes and the others brought goodies to share. Friday was Clarence's 80th birthday so Doris made a delicious

chocolate cake and she brought Champagne for all to toast Clarence. We all wished him a very Happy Birthday and hope he has many more to come. We then played Hand and Foot. Unfortunately I did not do well.

Saturday the weather was beautiful and everyone went their merry ways to do some sightseeing. Those that went to the Bodega Bay Head reported that they saw lots of whales frolicking in the water. It's always a joy to be able to see the whales. I was told by the information person in town that whales have been seen quite a bit this year. Others went to Sebastopol to view the sculptures made out of recycled materials, such as mail boxes, fridges garbage cans, etc that line Florence street by Patrick Amiot, or just shopping, sightseeing or had a nice lunch.

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My girlfriend Pam Stage and myself at Korbel Winery. We had to make sure this was a good place for our members to visit and it was!

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NANCY'S NEWS CONTD.

That evening Dale arrived and we had a potluck and as usual there was lots of wonderful food to eat. We also celebrated Golden West's 39th Birthday with a beautiful cake that had an Airstream on it. Judy Bechthold knows a fabulous bakery in Woodland that can put pictures on cakes. That evening we played Farkel. I unfortunately was the Farkel Queen. Others joined Danny & Debbie Freitas outside for a campfire gathering. It was a nice clear evening for it.

Sunday it was time to pack up and say goodbye. The weekend went way too quickly.

I want to thank Karen and Jim Walton for all their help to make the rally a success.

Nancy Harrington, President

See Ya Down the Road!



My Fabulous co-hosts:
Jim & Karen Walton



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 12 CLARENCE DORSETT
- 27 CECELIA STANSBURY



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 HENRY & BETTY TJOELKER
- 11 ERV & BERT HARDING
- 19 RON & ANN WATKINS
- 24 RICHARD & JUDY KLEIMAN



RALLY SCHEDULE FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

- April 15-19 **Bass Lake**, Near Fresno, Ca.
Buddy Rally, San Joaquin Unit Host, Rosalyn & John Skadden
- May 13-17 **49er RV Park**, 23223 Italian Bar Rd., Columbia, Ca.
Santa Clara Unit Host, Patrick Nolan
- June 3-7 **Kit Fox RV Park**, 14750 Rogers Rd. Patterson, Ca.,
Apricot Festival, San Joaquin Unit Host, Babs & Chuck Stimmel
- June 27-July 4 **International Rally**, Gillette, Wyoming
Host, International
- Aug 12-16 **Gold Strike Village**, 1925 Gold Strike Rd., San Andreas, Ca.,
Grandkids Rally, Golden West Unit Host, Nancy & Dale Harrington
and Judy & Ken Bechthold
- Sept 17-21 **Monterey Co. Fairgrounds**, Monterey Ca.
Buddy Rally, San Joaquin Unit Host, Babs & Chuck Stimmel
- Oct 14-18 **Golden Village Palms RV Resort**, Hemet, Ca.
Region XII Rally, Host, San Diego Unit
- Nov 11-15 **Jackson Rancheria RV Park**, Dalton Rd. off Highway 88, Jackson,
Ca. **Installation Rally**, Santa Clara Unit Host, Debbie & Mark Sode



Easy Baked Apricot Chicken Breast

RECIPE CORNER

This is the chicken I made at the rally.

You can serve this with mashed potatoes also.

You could season the chicken with garlic powder and pepper then brown the chicken.



You can use a whole cut-up chicken or 10 chicken thighs if desired and increase baking time. if you are in a hurry you can omit the browning, but the chicken will not be as good, you can double this recipe but you will need a large baking dish, or just double the sauce amounts. Serve with cooked rice. Do not season the chicken with any salt, the dry soup mix already has enough in it.

Ingredients

6 [boneless skinless chicken breasts](#)
[black pepper](#)

2 tablespoons vegetable oil

1 tablespoon [butter](#)

1 cup apricot preserves

1 cup French dressing or
Russian salad dressing

1 tablespoon [garlic](#) (or to taste)

1 (1 ounce) package dry onion
soup mix

I used Russian salad dressing

Directions

Set oven to 350 degrees.

Grease a 13 x 9-inch baking dish.

Heat oil with butter in a skillet over medium-high heat.

Season the chicken with black pepper (do not use any salt).

Brown chicken about 4 minutes on both sides or until lightly browned, then place into prepared baking dish (if using skin on chicken pieces then place skin-side up).

In a bowl mix the preserves with dressing, onion soup and garlic until blended; pour over the chicken in the baking dish then turn the chicken to coat evenly in the sauce.

Bake uncovered for about 30 minutes (if you did not brown the chicken increase baking time slightly).

Serve with rice.



3 cheers for our Hobo Queen Karen Walton!



It was Clarence's Birthday on Friday so we all celebrated with cake and a little bubbly. Congrats to Clarence and we hope you have many more. It was also Golden West's 39th Birthday so on Saturday there was more Cake!



These are some of the sculptures seen in Sebastopol yards on Florence St. created by the artist Patrick Amiot. They are a delight to see.

LUTHER BURBANK

During my stay in Bodega Bay I visited Luther Burbank's home and Gardens in Santa Rosa and his Farm in Sebastopol where he did most of his experiments with plants. If you have ever eaten McDonald's French fries then you have eaten the Russet Burbank potato that he discovered. The money he got from this discovery allowed him to come to Santa Rosa in 1875 from his birthplace

Lancaster, Mass. During his career of over 50 years he introduced between 800 and 1,000 varieties of fruits, flowers, nuts, vegetables and grains—some of which are still enjoyed today such as the Burbank potato, Shasta Daisy, Elephant Garlic and the Santa Rosa Plum. His experiments were responsible for turning plant breeding into a modern science. He is responsible for grafting of trees. His birthday March

7, is celebrated in California as Arbor Day. He died in 1926 at the age of 77. His home and gardens are well worth visiting.



1877
Luther Burbank begins his nursery career



March 7, 1849
Luther Burbank born in Lancaster, Massachusetts



Luther Burbank designs and builds existing greenhouse on Santa Rosa site



1916
Luther Burbank marries Elizabeth Waters



Here he is with his friends Thomas Edison and Henry Ford.

He married twice: to Helen Coleman in 1890, which ended in divorce in 1896; and to Elizabeth Waters in 1916. He had no children.

The home that Luther Burbank was born in, as well as his California garden office, were moved by [Henry Ford](#) to [Dearborn, Michigan](#), and are part of [Greenfield Village](#).



1884
Luther Burbank buys four-acre Santa Rosa site including existing house and carriage house



These pictures to the left are of his home in Santa Rosa which he bought in 1884. His widow stayed in this house until her death in 1977. She requested that his memory be honored with a public memorial garden. In 1906 Burbank also bought a house on Tupper St. but it no longer exists.



To the left is His farm cottage in Sebastopol. At one time there was over 14 acres, and where he did most of his research.



His Santa Rosa home and garden today.



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Bass Lake RV Resort, Joint Rally
April 15 to 19, 2010
San Joaquin Unit, Golden West Unit & Santa Clara Unit

Hosts: San Joaquin Unit, John & Rosalyn Skadden

Bring your own coffee cup and service to all meals.

Thursday, Apr. 15: Arrival Day, stop at office & pay your own camping fee. Proceed to our assigned sites
 Pick your own site & hook up (John will assist if necessary)

4:00 PM Social Hour in clubhouse
 5:30 PM Soup & sandwiches
 7:00 PM Games & Gab in clubhouse.

Friday, Apr. 16:

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast
 10:00 Explore countryside, museums, area towns, casino.
 Lunch on your own, or Mexican Restaurant
 5:00 ?? Dinner at Oakhurst Elks Lodge, Chicken fried Steak, \$10.00 pp, pay @ door (Time will be announced)
 7:00 Games & Gab in Club House

Saturday, Apr. 17:

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast
 9:00 Unit meetings
 10:00 Carpool to Yosemite, spend day, (bring binoculars)
 Dinner on your own.
 7:00 Games & Gab in Club House

Sunday, Apr. 18:

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast
 2:30 Tri Tip Sandwiches & Salads.
 6:30 Ice Cream Social -- Makings for Sundaes
 7:00 Games & Gab in Club House

Monday, April 19: Departure Day

8:00 – 9:00 Breakfast
 Clean up, pack away. Put furniture back where found.
 Help others who need help hitching up.

Thanks for coming. Have a safe trip home.

This schedule subject to change. Other places may be available for touring. (or eating)

David Putnam called Coast to Coast to get in on his membership -- it was NOT allowed due to the 125 mile rule. So he called Bass Lake, and they decided that for all of us, they will charge us \$15 per day instead of the \$27. Be sure everyone who goes in who has Coast to Coast, mentions that we were told that C2C members would be charged \$15 per day for the time of the rally.

This will be a great time. Yosemite should be spectacular from this year's precipitation. The falls should be roaring with water. I'm hoping Horsetail Falls is going this time. It is especially beautiful.

Bass Lake Rally April 15 to April 19, 2010 Buddy Rally COUPON

HOST: San Joaquin Unit
Rosalyn & John Skadden
 559-255-8622, cell 559-367-3772

Name _____ Buddies _____
 Address _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Phone _____
 WBCCI # _____
 Member of _____ Unit _____
 Anniversary _____ Birthday(s) _____

Please check nights you will be present:
 Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

NOTE: If you are a member of a club affiliated with this park, (Coast to Coast, A.O.R, R.O.D, or Bass Lake Resort) you will pay the rate your membership normally would. You must make your own reservations as you normally would with your organization. Bass Lake Resort's phone number is, 559-642-3145. Tell them you are camping with our Airstream Group. Then call us to let us know you made the arrangements. We will arrange all the reservations of those not a member of those campers clubs. Everyone will pay his or her own rig parking fee at the office upon arrival at the park.

Parking Fee: _____ nights @ \$27.00 per night (without a club affiliate)

Breakfasts: Our breakfasts, (if you choose to have them) will be catered by the park. The cost will be \$2.50 per person. You will pay for them in advance with this reservation. These are not just coffee, toast & PB&J.

Thurs. Dinner # _____ @ \$3.00 pp \$ _____
 Fri. Breakfast # _____ @ \$2.50 pp \$ _____
 Friday Dinner # _____ @ \$10.00 pp Pay at Elks Club
 Sat. Breakfast # _____ @ \$2.50 pp \$ _____
 Sat. Dinner # _____ \$0.00 POT LUCK
 Sun. Breakfast # _____ @ \$2.50 pp \$ _____
 Sun. late Lunch # _____ @ \$4.00 pp \$ _____
 Sun. Evening # _____ @ \$1.00 pp \$ _____ (Ice Cream Sundaes)
 Mon. Breakfast # _____ @ \$2.50 pp \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED, \$ _____ (Meals)

Please send back the coupon, with your check, if you plan to attend, by March 15th. Or, if its last minute, call Skaddens to confirm your reservation and pay at Rally

Make check payable to: **San Joaquin Unit**, and mail to
 John Skadden @ 4010 E. Huntington Blvd. Fresno CA. 93702,

Things to see and do while you are at 49er RV Ranch

Historical Columbia State Historic Park

Jamestown Rail Town 1897 State Historic Park and downtown Historic
Sonora and walking tour

Scenic day trip to Yosemite National Park

Visit Calaveras Big Trees State Park

Underground Caverns: Tours and Exploration

Quench your thirst at the Columbia Brewery and Spring House

Walk the Columbia School and College Nature Trails

See a Sierra Repertory Theatre Show
Call (209) 532-3120 for advance tickets or website
www.sierrarep.org

East Sonora Theatre at 13891 Mono Way in Sonora:
"Shipwrecked"

(The amazing adventures of Louis de Rougemont as told by himself)
Times; 5/13 at 7pm, 5/14 at 7pm, 5/15 at 2pm & 8pm, 5/16 at 2pm

Columbia's Fallon House Theater stage show:
"Stand By Your Man"
The Tammy Wynette Story
Times; 5/14 at 7pm, 5/15 at 2pm & 8pm, 5/16 at 2pm

WBCCI
49er RV Ranch
May 13 – 17, 2010
Host: Santa Clara Unit
Patrick Nolan
Co Host: Debbie Sode

THURSDAY, MAY 13th

Arrive and set up camp

- 4:00 pm Happy Hour - BYOB and snacks**
- 6:00 pm Dinner - on your own; there are local restaurants nearby**
- 7:00 pm Socializing, games**

FRIDAY, MAY 14th

- 8:30 am Breakfast; Toast, Jam, Peanut Butter, coffee, tea**
Spend the day doing what pleases you. See suggestions.
- 4:00 pm Happy Hour**
- 6:30 pm Dinner - Bring "One Pot Meal". Bread and dessert will be provided.**
- 7:00 pm Socializing, games**

SATURDAY, May 15th

- 8:30 am Egg Casserole, fruit, juice, coffee, tea**
- 10:00 am Unit Meetings**
Spend the day doing what pleases you. See suggestions.
- 4:00 pm Happy Hour**
- 6:00 pm Dinner – BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Potato & Macaroni Salad, Rolls, & Dessert**
- 7:00 pm Socializing, games**

SUNDAY, May 16th

- 8:30 am Breakfast; Pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, tea**
Spend the day doing what pleases you. See suggestions.
- 4:00 pm Happy Hour**
- 6:00 pm Dinner - Chicken, Salads, Rolls & Dessert**
- 7:00 Socializing, games**

MONDAY, May 17th

Have a safe trip home.

Directions to 49er RV Ranch:

**From Jct. Hwy 49 and CR E18 go north on Parrotts Ferry Road 1.7 miles,
right on Columbia Street .4 miles, left on Pacific Street one block, then right on
Italian Bar Road for .5 miles.**

WBCCI
49er RV Ranch
May 13 – 17, 2010

Host: Santa Clara Unit
Patrick Nolan & Debbie Sode
For any questions please contact:
Kathy Hampel at;
mycashew2001@yahoo.com
925/640-0404

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
PHONE _____
WBCCI # _____
HANDICAP PARKING _____
MEMBER OF _____ **UNIT** _____

Please check nights you will be present:

Thurs. _____ **Fri.** _____ **Sat.** _____ **Sun.** _____

Parking fee: _____ **nights @ \$42.50 per/night \$** _____

Fri. Breakfast # _____ **@ \$1.50pp \$** _____
Fri. Dinner # _____ **@ \$2.00 pp \$** _____
Sat. Breakfast # _____ **@ \$4.50 pp \$** _____
Sat. Dinner # _____ **@ \$7.00 pp \$** _____
Sun. Breakfast # _____ **@ \$2.00 pp \$** _____
Sun. Dinner # _____ **@ \$3.50 pp \$** _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED _____

Info Needed by 49er RV Ranch:
Rig Type: Trailer _____ **Motorhome** _____
Rig Size: _____ **ft**
of Slides _____

Make check payable to: SANTA CLARA UNIT
Mail by April 10, 2010 to:

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 TO ONE AND ALL
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