

# NorCal ACA Chapter News

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Life on the road couldn't be better this time of year. Everywhere you go the weather is fabulous and there's nothing better than sunshine to put a smile on your face. Greetings to all of Nor-Cal and I hope this newsletter finds you doing well. Since you last heard from me, we have attended both the Tucson and Lone Pine rallies.

First about Tucson---the weather was picture perfect which made it fun to spend time outside and visit with new and old friends alike. There was never a moment without something to do, the meals were great, and Nor-Cal had 17 registered coaches. Two of our newest members, the Reynolds and Hardins joined us so it was great to put a face with the names. Our thanks to the Southwest chapter for all of their hard work.

The Lone Pine rally was hosted by the Medows and the Bennetts. We greeted everyone with a home cooked meal: Baby back ribs cooked outside in cast-iron Dutch ovens with hot coals, along with baked beans, coleslaw, broccoli salad, and warm rolls. We visited the Alabama Hills along with our guide, the film commissioner. We spent about 2 hours touring the area and then we had a picnic at the park in town. The group was so impressed with the tour that we took up a collection and donated enough money to buy 2 seats at the museum, which is due to open this summer. The Lone Pine Film History Museum is a project that has been five years in the making and is due to open the end of June 2006. There will be a wall noting all of the contributors so Nor-Cal will be listed there and hopefully we can plan another rally there in a year or two and see the finished product. We visited the Bristlecone forest and Whitney Portal, both fabulous sites. On Saturday activities varied from fishing, biking, ghost town exploring, shopping, and a few just relaxed and played dominoes. Sunday morning, Kay, Merritt, Truman and I cooked up a pancake and bacon breakfast along with fresh fruit and coffee before sending them off. Mike took some great photos and they are available on our Website @ [norcalaca@att.net](mailto:norcalaca@att.net).

As of July 1<sup>st</sup> we will have the following officers in the Nor-Cal chapter: Terry Bennett, president, Mary King, vice-president, Dave Ullman, secretary, and Mike Campbell, treasurer. We are looking forward to another great year in the chapter and here's hoping that all of our members can make it to one of our rallies. Speaking of rallies, our next rally will be October 15 thru October 19 at Marina Dunes RV Park in Marina, California. Your hosts Tony Steller, Lynne Willenburg along with Mike and Leslie Pettinger look forward to seeing you there. They have arranged for a seafood luncheon on Fisherman's Wharf one day, a barbecue, and a catered dinner another night. There will also be a golf game, a shopping trip, and some free time for you to explore the area.

As a member of American Coach, one of our strongest assets is the knowledge base that we have within this organization. One of our newest members is a great example of that statement. Rick Bibbero has helped to design and create a new Website with the RV'er in mind. I could go on and on about the sight or you can go online and check it out for yourself. The site is [www.themotorhomeguy.com](http://www.themotorhomeguy.com) or you can go to the Nor-Cal Website and Mike has provided a link there as well.

I would like to take this time to welcome some new members to our chapter: Ed and Earlene Reynolds from Rocklin, Lee Prather and Karen Ganz from Murrieta, and Dennis and Tim Snyder/Jewsbury and Austin from Palm Springs. On another note, Bill and Shirley Cuneo have sold their American Coach. We wish them well and told them to keep in touch.

In closing I want to wish you all safe travels and hopefully we will see you in Urbanna, Virginia at our next national rally in September. Truman and I plan to leave the West coast mid-July and catch a few golf courses, a fishing stream or two, along with some NASCAR races back East before we arrive in Virginia. Remember, life is what you make of it so have fun, laugh often, and make fond memories.