

HAPPY WANDERERS-SEPTEMBER 2018



The Happy Wanderers celebrated September at Wine Country RV Park in Paso Robles. This RV park, located in the wine region of San Luis Obispo County, was the perfect meeting place for Wanderers heading south, from RV vacations to the northern and central portions of California and Oregon, and for those heading north, to Oregon and Washington to extend their RV experience. Elks passing through this area in the future may want to check out the friendly Paso Robles Elks Lodge located in the old downtown area.

There were 22 rigs in attendance at this campout arranged and hosted by Chris and Sue Bengtsson and co-hosted by Bill and Lyn Owen. Some Wanderers arrived on Wednesday, allowing plenty of time for wine aficionados (or just wine drinkers) to visit a few of the estimated 200 wineries located in the Paso Robles area. For those who prefer a “bit of the brew,” there are several boutique breweries and many fine restaurants, a museum, and antique stores within a few miles of the RV park.

Kudos to the Bengtsson’s and Owen’s for arranging the perfect weather and perfect setting for this time of year. There was room for all to gather in a grassy cool area surrounding the BBQ during the day, and dine together in the adjacent club house at night. The Saturday night rib dinner, cooked over a hot open flame by Tom and Ed, was fabulous.

As usual, there was much eating and drinking to be done: breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Additionally, there were awesome hors d’oeuvres, side dishes and special desserts. Dorothy Smith deserves special mention for her raspberry dessert. Special thanks also to Moe Nadeau

and Bob Fuller for their now famous Bloody Mary's and Mimosas on Saturday morning.

Unique experiences included a private wine tour at a local winery arranged by Chris and Sue, and an outdoor movie after dark, coordinated by projectionist Ed Slattery.



It may be a recent club record, but Sue Ham, as the Secret Sheriff, collected \$66.00; albeit, much of the money was collected from her husband Dave. As it turned out, Dave Ham was one of the 50/50 winners, the other being Dirk Minzer.; congratulations to both.

While most of the club members left on Sunday, several Wanderers were able to stay an additional day and enjoy the RV Park's accommodations.

Thanks again to the Bengtsson's and Owen's. It was a wonderful trip.

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