

Happy Wanderers – Feb., 2017

For the third consecutive year, the Happy Wanderers followed Frank Padilla to the Pechanga Casino RV Resort in Temecula for the February Campout. The event began on Wednesday when most of the campers arrived. Once situated, it was either off to the casino or gathering in the community room for meeting, greeting, and visiting

with our camping friends.

Thursday found more campers pulling in while the early birds were enjoying the nice weather. It was a day of rest and relaxation among the group.

Friday was a little more ambitious schedule beginning with a road trip to the Lookout Roadhouse restaurant on Ortega Highway overlooking Lake Elsinore. It was a first-time event for many Happy Wanderers as they enjoyed the historic charm and ambiance of the Roadhouse , established in 1945, surrounded by views of Mounts Baldy, Gorgonio, and San Jacinto on a beautiful day. Among other activities, the day

concluded with a social hour followed by a feast of pot-luck hors d'oeuvre appetizers.

Saturday morning, by tradition, began with our mixologists, Bob Fuller and Moe Nadeau, preparing Bloody Marys for the campers. A breakfast buffet followed the early-morning gathering and after cleanup of the buffet an elimination corn hole toss tournament was announced. Five teams entered with the winning team being Paul Nicholls and Keri Sears.

Other various games and activities ensued during the day and before dinner was announced, it was time for the RV Crawl Event. An RV Crawl (sometimes called a bar tour, pub crawl or bar-hopping) is the act of one or more people drinking in multiple RV sites (pubs or bars) in a single night, normally travelling by foot or bus to each destination and occasionally by cycle. This is meant to be a fun event and need not consist of only alcoholic drinks. Due to the cold temperature, the crawl was rushed to get everyone into the warm community room that awaited us.

Our dinner was a gracious offering of food pot-luck style that filled us all. However, did we mention dessert? Yes, many of the Happy Wanderers managed to find room for some good tasting dessert to finish a great meal.

The Saturday evening schedule followed with a 50/50 raffle being presented and won by Frank Karin and Chris Bengtsson.

Next in line was the secret sheriff, Sally and Ed, placing fines on all deserving derelicts. The event is always fun when done with gusto and humor.

In a group such as ours, an event does not turn out successful without the help of those who step in and volunteer. Thanks go out to Ron, Valeta, Jackie, Jean, Tom, Ed, Sally, Dave, Julie, Bob, Moe, and all of the Happy Wanderers that attended.

Sunday was time to pack up and head for home while nine of the campers chose to stay over one more day and head home on Monday. They say that three is a charm and it must be, as this Happy Wanderers campout was truly a fun time for everyone who attended.

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