



Goodtime(r)s At Casa de Fruita

Casa de Fruita Orchard RV Resort, Hollister, CA
October 4 - 7, 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well, our fourth rally is now history and it was indeed a very good one for all those in attendance at Casa de Fruita. Our attendees were, Dave & Helen Aldstadt, Mike & Ellie Belletti, Randy & Cecile Burke, Hardin & Dee Hallum, Homer & Cokey Davis, and Jim & Marilyn Casey. There were a couple of "new faces" and it was great to have Dave and Helen Aldstadt join us at this fun rally.

The weather was a great with cool mornings and warm, fall-like days. What most would call "perfect" for a rally amongst friends.

For this rally, the Burke's and the Belletti's were our able Trail-bosses and hosts. They did a great job of feeding and entertaining us, with some excellent homemade burritos with all the trimmings. On Saturday morning we awoke and followed our noses to some fresh and delicious ham & egg croissants to get us started on the right foot for the day. Our dinner that night was some great lasagna with a super salad. Of course, we did not forget about our happy-hour(s) which we enjoyed outside as we all were busy talking stories, along with a few good jokes. We finished each evening off with "Left-Right-Center", and our lucky winners were Cecile's mother, Ellie and later Mike, followed by Jim (he loves to win! Doesn't happen often, but Lady Luck was riding with him on the dice that night).

Randy kept us in good (strong? ... but still gooooo) coffee. One of the main subjects of discussion, and concern was brought up by a couple of the members, and that centered around the lack of member participation and involvement in the club functions and administration. It was noted that we only had six member coaches present for this rally, and that the most that we have ever had is only seven. For a club that has 36 member coaches on the roster, six (or even seven) seems to be a very miniscule number on which to



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The following office(s) is open:
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 > California Goodtimers Newsletter Editor
 > DOAI Vice President, Southwest Region
 (submit name to DOAI President, Phil Yovino)

If interested, please contact Jim Casey or Homer Davis to put a name into nomination.

attempt to operate a viable club. The difficulties with this rally (Casa de Fruita) due to the small turnout was very difficult and time consuming to try and work with the scheduled campground to maintain our scheduled and budgeted pricing as well as having the use of a clubhouse facility so as to enable the club to meet, eat and have games and fun. The real key to success in this club (as with any venture of this nature) is participation and personal involvement by the membership of the club. Hopefully, an answer will be forthcoming that will provide us with the correct actions in order to continue this great club and to have it prosper and grow. The California Goodtimers urgently needs YOUR participation in order to make this club a success and to contribute to the fun, the fellowship and the camaraderie.

In closing, I would like to make the open announcement to all of our California Goodtimers members in regard to the termination of my office of club President, and as Newsletter Editor. This is prompted by our (Marilyn and I) very recent purchase of another motor coach other than a Discovery. Due to our needs as full-timers (more room) and with our "D" pushing 100,000 miles, as well as the new Discovery coaches not meeting our needs and wants (nothing over 39' and no tag axles), we had to proceed to another brand of motor coach. And, since the by-laws of DOAI and the Goodtimers mandate that each member will be an owner of a Discovery, I must relinquish the position of club President, Newsletter Editor, as well as that of DOAI Vice President, Southwest Region.

So lastly, I would urge each of you to take a good, long, hard look at yourselves and do yourself and your club a big favor with a step forward to take on the rewards of an office in the club, as well as in the national organization also, and to realize the benefits and fun of having a stable, growing and prosperous social club such as the California Goodtimers. Any questions? Then by all means contact me and let's discuss any questions or other concerns that you may have. I look forward to your participation and valuable involvement with this great club!

And oh yes, I look forward to seeing YOU at the DOAI National Rally in El Mirage, Arizona, November 4th to the 10th.

See ya there! And, drive safe!

-Jim Casey
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance	\$1818.01
Membership Dues	90.00
Rally Fees	1744.05
Rally/Event Costs	1885.58
Other Income (Badges)	136.32
Balance, as of 10/12/07	1861.58

Betty Ruiz,
Treasurer

WAGON-MASTER'S REPORT

Our future plans are somewhat open-ended at this time, due to some difficulty in finding nice, desirable camp facilities in a warmer clime for January. Due to our rather low turn-outs since the re-establishment of the Goodtimers, it was decided from a financial standpoint that we would not be able to use Emerald Desert in January 2008. We are still looking and hope to have a site ready to announce in the near future.

And as always, I am open to ideas, suggestions and comments on the above and/or any other locations that may be of interest to members instead of the above or in addition to the above dates and locations. And remember, that you as the Trail-boss can pick the place (need not be what I have suggested, but that is a starting point), the activities, events, food, etc. So, try it and you will find that it can actually be a lot of fun!

Hardin Hallum
Wagon-Master

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

CALIFORNIA GOODTIMERS

GENERAL MEETING

October 6, 2007

Casa de Fruita Orchard RV Resort, Hollister, CA

Call to order at 10:00 AM at Casa De Fruita, California by Jim Casey, President.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jim Casey

Members Present: David & Helen Alstadt, Michael & Ellie Belletti, Randy & Cecile Burke, Jim & Marilyn Casey, Homer & Courtney Davis, and Hardin & Dee Hallum.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Dee Hallum read the minutes from the last meeting. Homer Davis made motion to accept minutes as read, Cecile second. The minutes were approved as read.

No treasures report as Betty was not present-Jim reported approximately \$1800.00 before rally. Paul Stein membership chairman was absent, Jim reported one new member: Mark Ortega. Kathy Scholz not present no report. Susan Salit historian, not present, Courtney Davis hospitality chairman, present, "Have a Happy Day". Hardin Hallum, Wagon Master, present, reported "due to lack of participation, we would not be going to emerald desert in January 2008. We must have a minimum of 10 coaches going.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cokie to send card to Julia Embry.

DOAI: Arizona Chapter of Southwest Region asked for help at the DOAI rally in November at EL Mirage. Michael & Elli Belletti said they could go in on the second along with Jim & Marilyn Casey.

Our president Jim Casey along with his wife Marilyn are full time RVR'S and have purchased a beautiful rig outside the discovery line. Jim took this role after the loss of Gerald Embry, doing a remarkable job with little participation. Jim also provides us with our newsletter, and is Vice President of DOAI Southwest Region. He is the real backbone of California Goodtimers.

Our By-laws and DOAI By-laws require you to have a Discovery. Jim no longer will meet the requirements. We will need a new President, publisher, (friend) and DOAI VP. There is no doubt these are "big shoes to fill".

Discussion of possible disbanding the club for lack of interest: 7 coaches at Sept '06 Rally, 7 at Jan '07 Rally, 7 at May Rally and 6 at Oct rally. We have 36 paid coaches. Jim would contact all members for a vote/participation and have a meeting at national rally to disband or continue, as the members at this meeting have expressed their desire to have a vote on this issue. It was mentioned that if we disband, all members present would go to dinner with treasury and donate the balance to charity.

Jim said that a General Meeting would be called in El Mirage, AZ. More details later.

In the meantime, Jim encouraged all members to participate and make every effort to continue the Goodtimers if at all possible.

Badges for those who wanted were ordered by Homer Davis for the National Rally.

Jim Casey adjourned the meeting at 11:30 A.M.

Minutes submitted by: Dee Hallum, Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

There were 6 rigs in attendance at the Casa de Fruita Orchard RV Resort Rally, the first weekend of October. We welcomed "first-Goodtimers-rally" members to our gathering and they were, Dave & Helen Aldstadt. We are glad you were able to join with us.

We currently show 36 rigs on our California Goodtimers roster.

(for) Paul & Cheryl,
Membership Director

See YOU at El Mirage, Arizona in November!!

A Few Important Reminders—

- A) Please keep you address, your phone number, and your e-mail address up-to-date and current.
- B) Please keep us abreast of your travels and adventures.
- C) When you see another Discovery coach that is not in the Goodtimers, let them know about the California Goodtimers and invite them to visit and to join with us.

Mark your calendar for the California Goodtimers rallies!

**DISCOVERY OWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC. (DOAI)
NATIONAL CONVENTION & RALLY
NOVEMBER 6 – 10, 2007
EL MIRAGE (PHOENIX), ARIZONA**

**Be sure to mark this on your calendar
and plan on being there for the
fun, comaradrie, food, games, seminars,
entertainment, and sights.**

Wanted! YOU for our California
Goodtimers rallies!
...and without YOU there, we
have a "void"!

HOSPITALITY REPORT

Julia Embry has recently had a lumpectomy and she has indicated that she is on the mend, and with this issue in addition to the recent loss of Gerald, she is still taking it day-by-day and trying to re-adjust her life in a positive manner. We all wish her all the very best.
No other member reports to be made.

Cokey Davis,
Hospitality Chair

California Goodtimers Badges
Are now Available!
Order yours today!
Contact Homer Davis
Cost is only \$7.50 ea.

*Among the things
you can give and still keep are
your word, a smile, and a
grateful heart.*