



# FMCA --- Lewis & Clark *Thousand Trails*Busy Bee Newsletter - Volume 20 MARCH 2016

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### A SPECIAL WELCOME to our newest members:

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# WE HAVE 3 RALLIES THIS SEASON THAT STILL NEED HOSTS: WHALERS REST, OR-----JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 20<sup>TH</sup>

LA CONNER , WA-----JULY 18<sup>TH</sup> THRU JULY 22<sup>ND</sup>

SOUTH JETTY, OR-----AUG 18<sup>TH</sup> THRU AUG 22<sup>ND</sup>

#### Mike & Sheila May

Hi Everyone, Sheila and I once again traveled south for the winter. Both the Palm Desert T.T. Resort and the Wilderness Lakes T.T. Resort were full of Lewis & Clark members. It was like a mini rally and a great deal of fun. We will be heading home soon and preparing for my first club meeting as president being held at the Seaside rally. This is to be a very busy summer season for Sheila & me. We have an Eastern Caribbean cruise the 1<sup>st</sup> part of May followed by the rally at Paradise. Then we depart for our summer long tour to Alaska with our tour group. We will return in time for the clubs 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration rally in September at the Paradise Resort T.T.

Wishing you all safe travels----Mike & Sheila

#### **Russ & Kay Watkins**

It has been another great winter for us in the Southwest this year. We really enjoyed some good weather and getting together with fellow L&C folks for some nice meals & lots of games, horseshoes, and other fun activities.

Right after Christmas, we drove the car back to Az and picked up our RV from a storage area in Phoenix and spent a few weeks January in the Phoenix area. We stopped for a few nights in Quartzsite on our way to TT- Palm Springs where we spent 4 weeks. Then we moved on to Wilderness Lakes, then back to Palm Springs for a couple of weeks before we start for home near the end of March. So far all of our travels this winter have been without incident so we hope that continues! We will be home for a short time in April before we go over to the Seaside Rally.

If you haven't already done so, it's time to pay your 2016 L&C dues. You can mail Russ a \$10 check made out to L&C-TT (please do not make the check out to me). Send it to my home address at: 362 NE 15<sup>th</sup> Ct., Hillsboro, Or 97124. Or, if you will be at the April Rally in Seaside, just plan to get it to me there. If you are not sure if your dues for 2016 are already paid, give me a call at 503-804-1929.

We look forward to seeing those of you who will be at the L&C Rallies this year.

Travel safe, Russ & Kay Watkins

### **Penny Williams-Young**

We are well on our way to MS and GA, then NC to visit with our two sons and their children (& grandchildren). We have moved fairly quickly, only pausing a week at each SK park, a few days or overnight everywhere else.

We are taking a long breather here at Lk Whitney TT in TX, then maybe Lk Conroe and Livingston (SKP Rainbow Park). We had a minor slide problem, but a new switch fixed it.

I also stepped in a hole in the grass at Walmart and fell into the parking lot; awfully sore but no bones broke, so I guess they are still strong! Take care, everyone!

#### Roger & Nancy Beausoleil

Our trip south this year was a short one! We left home on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> and got back on Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. The reason for our early return home was as follows. Our granddaughter was in her senior high school play "The Odd Couple". We saw the play last night (3/12/2016) and it was sooooo good, it was worth coming home early.

For the last four years, every time we stay at Wilderness Lakes, Nancy gets sick. This year she ended up with pneumonia. We were suppose to spend some time in Wilderness Lakes in February, but after Nancy's problems we spent extra time in the Palm Springs area. Next year we have scheduled a month at "Sparkling Waters" in Desert Hot Springs. We may try Wilderness Lakes in 2018 or 2019. (Who plans that far in advance)??

So far after our early return home we went to BINGO with Wayne & Ann, and Nancy won \$100.00, and last week Ruth & Jerry Harris invited us to spend a couple of days with them at a World Mart condo in Newport. We had a great time with them, did a lot of game playing and eating (something that comes very natural to us.).

We are missing the good weather down south. We've had lots of Rain & Wind here. Looking forward to going to rallies starting in April, and looking forward to seeing the L&C folks.

Roger \* Nancy Beausoleil

#### Daryl and Janell Johnson

This has been quite an eventful trip south this year. It started at Yuma Lakes and while there drove to San Gabriel, CA to visit granddaughter. On Jan. 6 went to FMCA Rally in Indio and then to TT Palm Springs for 2 weeks. From there we spent one month at El Prada Estates RV Park in Yuma. We were parked next to Eddie and Judy Wilson.

While we were there we got a call from our son who was vacationing with his sister in Las Vegas that he thought Darlene was having a stroke. We drove there and spent 5 days there while she was recovering enough to return home on Sunday. After returning to Palm Springs We left by car again to attend our granddaughter's wedding in Whittier, Cal. On Feb,16 we came back to TT Palm Springs and are leaving for home Feb, 9

With all of this happening we still enjoyed the luncheons and visits with Lewis and Clark friends. We are so thankful we have had Eddie and Judie Wilson traveling with us

## Becky's Corner

Did you all have a good start this year? Sure hope it has been getting better for some! We have had our share of mishaps, problems and passings, but God is good and has seen us through much this year already. Easter is this weekend and I am not ready for spring or Tax Day yet! Did we not just have Christmas, New Years, and my favorite St. Patrick's Day? It is going to fast for us I say!! Once again we stayed home this year but will get to travel a bit this next month.

We will see all of you in April for the Rally!

#### **Neal and Cathy Harris**

Neal and Cathy Harris began their winter trip having dinner with Daryl and Janell Johnson at Rolling Hills Casino December 26. With a short stop at TT Palm Springs we met and enjoyed a movie and dinner with John and Trish Elser.

We then headed to CRA Yuma Lakes where we visited with Frank and Leora West before heading to Tucson for 21 days to sight see and visit with friends from Saskatchewan. A highlight was touring the Biosphere.

The month of February was spent at an Encore park in Sun City, AZ. While there we enjoyed visiting with various family members and friends from Salem and Vancouver. A highlight was attending OSU Baseball games in Surprise.

The first two weeks in March have been spent at CRA North Shore in Needles, CA where Neal was able to continue rock hounding in the desert and at a mine for fire agate. March 15 we will head to TT Palm Springs and wait to hear that the rain has stopped so we can return home.

We have signed up for the FMCA rally in Albany and have volunteered to help drive trams so if we don't see any of you before then we hope to see you then.

#### **Dave and Marsha Ross**

Greetings from Dave & Marsha Ross,

Sure do miss all of our L & C friends. March finds us working our way down I-5 towards northern California, where we hope to see a few of you as you work your way towards home.

Dave needed a hip replacement which kept us in the Seattle area through the winter. We are now salvaging what's left of the winter by visiting Dave's home town of Gilroy, CA. In May we will head north via Russian River TT and then on up 101 to the Oregon Coast where we will attend the June rally at Whalers and vacation with Illinois kids and grandkids, who will be visiting the Tillamook area.

Hope you all have safe return trips and a great summer.

Dave & Marsha Ross

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