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Sitting on the tailgate.....

Our first meeting for 2016 will be at Camp Roberts on March 12th. Details are on a following page. On the meeting agenda:

- Election of Directors
- Cooler Update
- Donation to our hosts

When Chris King sold her place on the Nipomo Mesa, she donated to the Chapter a number of items that were moved to Dennis and Diann Wells' place. The trucks were sold immediately, but three items sort of got lost in Dennis garage. The most valuable was a NOS International cylinder head for the Red Diamond series of gas engines from the mid 1940's to the mid 1970's. After we figured out what we had I put it on ebay for \$500 – no sale. Again at \$250 – no sale. Then I put it at "Make an offer." We got an offer of \$175 which we accepted. (After fees, we netted \$152) Turns out the bidder was a Chapter member from Fresno, Floyd Schmall. What a small world! It will go on the 1944 International KR-11 he is restoring.

The MT-42 Allison transmission was listed for 30 days at "Make an Offer," but no offers were forthcoming. This transmission was used behind Cummins diesel engines in GM, Diamond Reo, Mack and White trucks, probably garbage trucks, school buses, cement mixers, etc. The condition is unknown, although a tag indicates it was rebuilt at some point in the past. It is "FREE TO A GOOD HOME!" If no one wants it, we will sell it for scrap.

The third item is a set of used fiberglass fenders for an Autocar truck. Year and model unknown. Some repairs have been made. Also "FREE TO A GOOD HOME!" If no interest, we will trash them.

I got a call this week from Dave Henry in Santa Inez. He is a broker and has a couple of neat trucks for sale. Check out www.spokemotors.com.

Larry Hoenig

There was a trucker named Art from Morro Bay, CA, who stumbled upon a Genie in a bottle who granted him one wish. Art said, "I've driven my truck in 49 states, but I want to drive it on the big island of Hawaii, but I can't afford to send it there by ship. So my wish is that you to build a road from the coast of California to Hawaii." The Genie replied, "I'm sorry, but that is too difficult. The length and the depth of the ocean would make that task impossible, even for a Genie like me. So you must make another wish." Art quickly replied, "Okay, I never could understand women. I want to know 'How do they think and what do they really want?'"

The Genie paused for a moment, deep in thought, and then replied, "Do you want that two lanes or four?"

MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER, ATHS

Held on 11/14/2015, at Dennis and Diann Wells, Arroyo Grande, CA

Jim Trask called the meeting to order at 11:05 with 23 members and guest Fred Van Dyk attending. MSP to approve the minutes of the August 15 meeting as published at www.central-coast-aths.org and in the newsletter. Jim presented (and we MSP approval of) Kathy's treasury report, noting the final cost for the Nipomo High School site was \$922, and that we cleared a total of \$1657 from the "cooler". Diann reported a membership stands at about 70. Larry noted that our member vehicle inventory is now on our web site.

Discussion concerning the cooler noted that we were fairly inclusive and considered how to convey that we also welcome pickups. Working trucks, custom trucks, and newer trucks were also mentioned. Jim reported discussion with a military vehicle collector group that would like to join us at the cooler to show their trucks. It was a clear consensus that we would encourage them to participate and be very welcoming. The rest room vs porta-potty alternatives were also discussed inconclusively. For, perhaps the first time in history, the subject of motor homes did not arise.

It was MSP to donate \$500 to the Wounded Warriors. It was also MSP to donate a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior at Nipomo High School with preference to a student pursuing further education in a field related to transportation industry, perhaps including agriculture or information technology.

Turning to election of officers, there were no further nominations and votes for each office resulted in: President, Larry Hoenig; Vice President, John Cague; Treasurer, Dona Watts; Secretary, Ray Boche; Newsletter-Editor, Cathy Hoenig; and Membership Chairman, Diann Wells.

Larry presented a possible future meeting schedule, and Jim noted that the president has considerable discretion in scheduling. There was some question of the need for a January meeting, April is difficult so March 12 is a possibility – Larry's discretion.

It was noted to express our appreciation to the Trask's for their years of dedicated service, and providing today's lunch which we adjourned to enjoy. ray

Central Coast Chapter Meeting

Saturday March 12, 2016

Camp Roberts Historical Museum
Camp Roberts, California
On US 101 at Exit 244
www.camprobertshistoricalmuseum.com

After stopping at the Main Gate Guard Shack, you will be directed to the Security Office for a pass. If visitors do not possess an active or retired military ID card, they must stop at the Security Office to obtain a visitor pass before entering the Camp. A Driver's license, vehicle registration and proof of insurance will be needed to get the pass. (Make sure you have current copies with you before you leave home!)

After leaving the Security Office, drive to the Annex Museum. Veer right at the Y and then continue around the Annex and turn left on Montana and park across the street from the museum.

11:00 AM – Business Meeting in the Annex Building
Noon – Lunch provided by the Chapter
Afternoon – museum visitation on your own

Annex Museum – wheeled and tracked vehicles outside, exhibits inside (this building was the Camp Post Office)

Main Museum – exhibits tracing the Camp area from pre-historic times, through the age when only the Salinen people populated the area, to the post-Spanish era of ranchos before the U.S. Government leased and later bought all the land to build Camp Roberts. The Museum offers a rare glimpse into soldier training during World War II, the Korean War, and the Middle East wars. (This building was the Red Cross building.)

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