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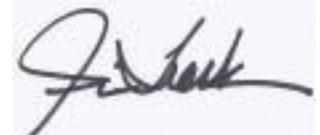
PRESIDENT'S EXHAUST.....

As the year ends with our last meeting on November 14, so begins the opportunity for some new volunteers to guide the Central Coast Chapter, starting with elections, this meeting. Nominations called for at our last meeting and additional names into the mix at this meeting, will provide opportunities for some fresh talent and new ideas.

Our 25th anniversary celebration, at next year's truck show, will provide an opportunity to reflect on all the past volunteers that have propelled this group to where it is today. And, I predict that we will break records for the number of trucks, vendors, and the number of visitors, at this event. We are already positioned to have a two page spread in the WOT (May/June) , preceding our event.

We have tried many revenue enhancing events within the annual gathering, but the bottom line is, that we provide an event where "truckers" can gather for conversation, banter, barter and generally, enjoying the trucking industry experience. Let us not forget that the only way we'll see a 50th celebration, is if we bring younger enthusiasts to the party. Kids in auto shop, kids that are driving on a farm, and kids that, if given the opportunity to sit with old-timers, will fill a niche in the industry and fulfill a niche in their lives. With our posters announcing the truck show each year, I would suggest focusing on our high schools for new attendees, as well as participating members.

See you at the big one.....



NEXT MEETING:

WHEN: Saturday, 11/14/2015, 11 AM
WHERE: Dennis & Diann Wells'
2288 Callender Rd., Arroyo Grande, CA
WHAT: Meeting at 11, lunch to follow



Mary Miranda (Mary A. (Nunes) passed away on Monday, September 14, 2015, at the age of 86. Mary married the love of her life on October 16, 1947, in Tulare, Calif. She moved to the coast in 1955 and resided in the same home in Arroyo Grande since 1958. She loved life,

her husband, and children. She was a loved wife, mother, and grandmother. She is survived by her husband, Frank J. Miranda; brother, Paul Nunes of Arizona; children, Joaquin Miranda, Frank Miranda, and Frances Miranda-Anacleto; Crisie Edmunson, Elias Miranda, Joshua Miranda, and Carly Miranda; great-grandchildren: Victoria Miranda, Morgan Edmunson, Isabell Miranda, Brooklyn Edmunson, and Jon Edmunson, Jr. A Memorial Service was held on Monday, September 21, at St. Patrick's Church in Arroyo Grande. A graveside burial followed at Arroyo Grande Cemetery. Sign her guestbook at sanluisobispo.com/obituaries



“Goodbyes are only for those who love with their eyes. Because, for those who love with heart and soul, there is no separation.” Rumi

Bill Smith, beloved husband, father, and Papa, passed away on September 5, 2015, after fighting pancreatic cancer, for two years, with grace and dignity.



Bill was born on October 1, 1960, in Torrance, California, to Kenneth & Hazel (Stucke) Thompson.

After his parents divorced, Bill lived in several South Bay cities with his mother, brother (Steve Thompson) and sister (Terry Williams), before his mother remarried. The family settled in Carson, with Bill's stepfather, Al Smith, Jr., and stepbrother, Steve Smith.

Bill was introduced to Sonya Nomura in the summer of 1980, as she looked forward to her senior year at Carson High School. He declared it “love at first sight,” and they were married on April 3, 1982. The young couple moved several times before settling in Long Beach where they raised two children.

Bill started working at Quality Equipment Rentals in October of 1980. Other than a 4 1/2 year “trial separation, as he called it, Bill worked at Quality until July of 2013, when the first symptoms of pancreatic cancer forced him out on disability. During the “trial separation,” Bill and his brother operated a radiator shop in Riverside. Bill served as president of the LA/ Orange territory of the California Rental Association from 2007 to 2014.

In addition to spending time with his grandchildren, Bill especially enjoyed visiting with Dennis & Diann Wells and Diann's son, Joe. The two of them could have taken their comedy act on the road! Bill was a member of AHS and enjoyed transporting Dennis' toys to both local & national shows, mostly because he was able to spend quality (pun intended) time with the Wells. Bill's other favorite pastimes included: listening to talk radio while drinking his morning coffee; playing computer games, especially Solitaire and Plants vs. Zombies; and tending to his backyard.

Bill is survived by his wife Sonya, their children, Sophia Sneed (Scot) and William (Will) and two grandchildren, Lillian Hazel and Jake Thompson Sneed. A host of family, friends and acquaintances gathered to celebrate Bill's life on October 11th. Messages of sympathy and support may be sent to the Smith family at 1836 East Washington St., Long Beach, CA 90805. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to his grandchildren's education funds via Ugift 529.com using the code S72-X4S for Lillian and N90-475 for Jake.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER, ATHS
Held on 8/15/2015, at Jim Trask's New Dodge Restoration Facility
Arroyo Grande, CA

Meeting started at 11:10, 22 members and guests present. New members introduced: "Hutch" from Oceano has a 49 Dodge and a 49 Chevy. Tom Kessler from Pismo, has a 55 Dodge.

Minutes of the June 20 meeting, as published at www.central-coast-athis.org, were read and approved, with Jim Trask's addenda noting that lunch was acquired from Branch Street Deli. Cathy T. provided a Treasurer's report and also a detail of COOLER revenues and expenses. The bottom line being that the COOLER made \$1588. Diann's membership report noted 70 renewal invoices sent out and all but 19 were returned, so far.

Turning to various other details: the facility rent seems to have been \$990 (detailed confirmation not yet received). Reports of complimentary remarks from the school staff present lead us to assume we will be welcomed back next year. Access to the buildings and their bathrooms is charged on an hourly basis and a trade off to the portable toilets costing \$250, this year. Jerry & Donna will retire from their dozen years, or so, operating the snack shack for us. Alternatives to consider include inviting commercial food trucks or arranging continuation by their helpers and/or those catering the dinner. We served 87 dinners, at \$25, having committed to 100 @ \$19. Food availability and the dinner are an important service though not particularly profitable. It was noted that the dinner serves as a venue for our profitable raffles and auctions. There was some discussion of arranging the dinner seating to encourage camaraderie, and reducing the auction to just a few valuable items, worthy of advertising.

The "rummage sale" (Second Hand Roads) netted \$1280, but was so labor intensive that no one was willing to even consider doing that again. It was noted that the silent auction of previous years produced twice the revenue, at a tenth of the work. Four vendors kicked in \$100 and some want to come back. The ice cream truck worked out well. Parking went well and a motion to donate \$200 to the Boy Scouts, for their help, was passed (after an earlier motion at \$300, didn't). The walkie-talkies weren't needed and a cell-phone roster can substitute.

Special thanks to member John and Chris Rafferty, for providing overnight security. Also, Bill & Debbie Leuer, from SoCal, though the flowers protruding from the cannon behind their 1917 FWD, did reduce the intimidation factor, a little. The frequent topic of motor homes, rose again. We have the room, but it would be a very bad idea to throw it open to the public, when we have the responsibility to the school. The consensus seemed to be to welcome ATHS members for dry camping, with some fee to be determined. A motion was made, seconded and passed, with no opposition: We do not charge for show trucks! We could be slightly more aggressive in requesting donations. Next year will be our 25th!

Turning to officer nominations, for the next two year term, the following were nominated: President-Larry Hoenig, Vice President-John Cague, Treasurer-Dona Watts, Newsletter Editor-Cathy Hoenig. Diann Wells will continue as Membership Chairman, and in the absence of a more creative writer, Ray Boche could continue as Secretary. The next meeting will be moved to November 14, location TBD.

TEXAS TACOS

1 lb. lean ground beef	Fritos
1 small brown onion, chopped	sliced green onions
1 (14 oz) can ranch style beans	sliced black olives
shredded cheese	sliced jalapenos (if desired)
shredded lettuce	guacamole
chopped tomatoes	sour cream

Brown the ground beef with chopped onion. When no longer pink, drain the meat mixture and add the beans, undrained. Heat through.

Layer Fritos, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, olives, peppers, guac and sour cream, (all toppings, as desired). Careful! This grows very large, very fast.

I'm sure every family has their own version of this timeless classic, each, most likely, called by a different name. This one, easily adaptable, for a couple or a crowd, is ours, and has been a favorite comfort food, for as long as I've been cooking. Come to the next meeting, for a taste of it! (Ct, Editor)