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President's Brake Dust:

Mayday! Mayday! That's the word today! Much has happened, is happening and will happen. Ahhh, Summertime! Glen & I visited the Tulare Chapter, for their annual Poker Run fundraiser, on the 23rd of March. About 35 trucks and 150 folks raised over one K, for cancer. We were treated to a great bbq lunch and got a lot of opportunity to see the countryside, along with the barnyard aroma, if you know what I mean. Chicken Plop Bingo signaled the end of the festivities. This is just one variation of what those San Joaquin Valley people do to pass the time. Just choose your well fed animal, have squares defined on the ground, or in the cage, charge some money per square, and you may be the winner, if the animal chooses your square to "dump" on! This is exciting stuff, folks. You know you are a bonified farmer, if you include this in the days activities.

April provided a chance for Cathy and me to volunteer at the annual Antique Farm Equipment Show, in Tulare, this year featuring antique trucks. Besides Glen & Pauline, Wayne & Barbara came over with Ray. Ron T. and son, the Alles family were all in attendance. John & Judy McKee joined us at dinner time, when we were eating with friends, Ron & Linda Souza. We took our R.V. and helped out with the operation, which always needs volunteers. Consider it for next year, and talk to Cathy or me, if you have any questions.

After the Farm Equipment Show, we took our 5th wheel around Bakersfield onto HWY 58, over to 395, and up to Lone Pine. First time for us to visit Death Valley, Furness Creek and Badwater, where we were 280' below sea level, lowest point in the western hemisphere and just 100 miles from Mt. Whitney, the highest point in the lower 48 states. Manzanar, the WWII Japanese internment camp is an eye-opener and a must-see when you are on HWY 395, just North of Lone Pine.

Then, by the next weekend, April 27th, we had driven over the Sierras, to Plymouth and the annual Kirkland Ranch Truck Show. We had always heard about it and now we finally got to visit, in person. Flyers announcing our July "COOLER" were passed out, and about 150 trucks were shown. Good food was available, all within the environment of gentle rolling green grass, studded with oak trees, 90° weather, and a pond with migrating, Canadian Honkers. Get the picture?

We are home now. Time to get together, on the 18th of May, for final discussion on the July 20th "COOLER". We will have a few new twists to the program and right now...I mean RIGHT NOW, we need to be contacting our suppliers for donations for the raffle, auction and silent auction. Keep in mind that we will have space designated for selling/swapping truck related, new & old stuff...\$25 for a 10'X10" space.



*Kirkland
Ranch
Truck Show
April 2013*

A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery...on a detour!

SAVE THE EARTH

If you have an e-mail address and would like to have your CENTRAL COASTER delivered directly to your inbox. please let me know. Call Cathy at 805 481-3318 or e-mail to catonaloma@yahoo.com

You'll get the news at least a day before the rest and save the Chapter's dollars, at the same time. Postal rates are going up!

CLASSIFIED ADS:

Do you have something to sell? Did you know that classified ads, in your CENTRAL COASTER, are FREE? Call Cathy at 805 481-3318 or send an e-mail to catonaloma@yahoo.com

FOR SALE

1927 Ford Model T Roadster Pickup.

Probably the nicest one you'll ever see
Professional frame-off restoration
Completed in 2011
From a rust-free and damage-free barn sleeper
Original block
12 Volt conversion-entire car
Chevy aluminum pistons
High performance head
Model A crankshaft, carb & exhaust
12V alternator & distributor
Speedometer & oil pressure gauge
Rocky Mountain drum brakes
two-speed Ruxtel rear end
water pump & high capacity oil pan
Custom OAK RAILS topping the bed sides
turn signals and emergency flashers
Powder coated wire wheels
Parade flag pole hitch for 8 ft American flag
Plus a whole lot more!

\$32,500 - Gary Minken
Porter Ranch, CA
(818) 363-2211
gm4life@earthlink.net

FIRST-TRUCK STORY, told to me by a VietNam Vet:

I bought the truck when I was 14 years old. My father owned a '53 Ford pickup and someone in Montebello (CA), a Prado, wanted to sell an old 1935 Ford Pickup. The truck had mechanical brakes and a small flathead V-8 engine, and a green paint job.

After I bought the truck, I lifted off the body and scraped off all the rust. I painted the frame and I primed the truck a gray color. I changed the engine to a large flathead Ford V-8 and changed the brakes to a hydraulic system. I changed the muffler, found a new chrome grill, found some windshield wipers and started to rewire the truck.

I joined the US Army on September 24, 1964 and went to the 101st Airborne Division in October of 1965. Our unit was re-designated and sent to Viet Nam on June 6, 1966 (6/6/66) as a part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade. About six months into my tour, I signed some paperwork (DA1049) to get my brother out of Viet Nam (1Bde., 101st Abn Div.), and then I volunteered for the Recon Platoon in our unit (December, 1966).

Getting into some heavy contact with the enemy for the next few months, I decided that I would give my parents a Power of Attorney and told them to sell the truck. I didn't think I would make it home alive. By mistake, I once was thought to have been killed in action, but it turned out to be a friend of mine, with the same last name & rank, and in the same company and battalion. People who knew me were in tears when we came back out of the jungle. They were surprised to see me alive. I think this may have been the point that made me decide to sell the truck.

My parents sold the truck to a guy from East Los Angeles. He changed the engine to a small Chevy block and the transmission to a Powerglide. I saw the truck once, on Whittier Boulevard and that's the last time in about 47 years.



*Tulare
Antique Farm
Equipment Show
April 2013*



ATHS CONVENTION & TRUCK SHOW
Yakima, Washington
May 28 – June 1, 2013
VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

Volunteers are a vital part of *every* truck show and convention. As in past years, we need more than 300 people to make this year's show in Yakima a success. All volunteer positions are 4½ hour shifts - mornings from 8 - 12:30 and afternoons from 12:30 - 5. There will be leaders at each area to instruct you. Please remember to consider any tours, meetings or workshops you may schedule, so as not to have a conflict. Contact me as soon as possible if your plans should change. You will receive detailed information regarding the day/time/area you have been assigned. Thank you in advance for your help and support!

Sincerely,

Kathie Colton

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Circle day(s) and time(s):

Tuesday (5/28) Wednesday (5/29) Thursday (5/30) Friday (5/31) Saturday (6/1)

Morning? Afternoon?

Please MARK your choices below (1st, 2nd, 3rd)

_____ PHOTO (outside and inside) _____ TRUCK REGISTRATION

_____ TRUCK PARKING _____ TRAFFIC CONTROL

_____ CONVENTION REGISTRATION _____ VOLUNTEER DESK

_____ UNLOADING/LOADING/TRANSPORT PARKING

Print Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone - Home _____ Business _____ Cell _____

E-Mail _____ Fax _____

ATHS Chapter _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this form to: **Kathie Colton**
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Encinitas, CA 92024
Phone: 858-759-0283 Fax: 858-756-6584
e-mail: wercoltos@sbcglobal.net

MINUTES OF THE ATHS CENTRAL COAST CHAPTER MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 16, 2013
AT MULLIGAN'S AVILA BEACH GOLF RESORT

Meeting called to order by Jim Trask at 11:15. 17 members present

Minutes of the November 17 meeting approved as published.

Treasurer's report from Cathy approved as presented.

Diann reported membership still at about 83 with dues payment pending from 18.

Larry reported that about 11 of 29 chapters (including most of those in Calif.) have an active web site. Ours is www.central-coast-ATHS.org .

Terry provided an update on the Hayes museum situation. Cost considerations including recent substantial rent increases make continuing for long at the current location unlikely. Joining the museum in Brooks, Oregon via a nominal cost long term land lease and construction of a building is under consideration. A (rapidly depleting) reserve together with auction of some duplicate truck holdings might fund a building of 30k sq. ft. or so. There are a million other headaches, not the least of which is the transport (and possibly temporary storage) of around 100 trucks about 550 miles.

Donations: Larry proposed \$1000 to national to be recognized by a paving block – tie vote – motion by Diann to make it \$500 was approved. Cathy T. suggested Hospice Partners of the Central Coast, Glenn described an Ag Engr student (Kyle Peters?) nearing graduation and working in trucking, and Diann suggested Wounded Warriors. On a motion by Terry, \$500 for each of these causes was approved.

Cooler: Jim has a verbal commitment from Trinity Hall – contract to follow. An SLO high school ag teacher believes he can supply FFA members to help with parking. Grizzly Academy may be an alternate. Many details to consider. Jim requested that before our next meeting (May 18) we look at the 2012 registration form (available on the web) as a reminder of issues to consider – Friday tour, dash plaques, silent auction, BBQ's and breakfast, etc. A committee to include Cathy T, Cathy H, and Diana will attack many of these issues.

An insert to the national membership application flyer to include our local chapter was discussed. \$100 was authorized for some general signs to point to e.g. meeting locations.

50-50 won by Clint and meeting adjourned about 1:20 . Draft submitted for approval – ray boche.

NEXT CHAPTER MEETING: Saturday, May 18, 2013, 11 AM

Dennis & Diann Wells' Home

2288 Callender Road

Arroyo Grande, CA

Dennis' Cell # (310)420-0333

Pool will be available.



ASPARAGUS CASSEROLE

5 potatoes

2 onions

2 cups asparagus

1/4 cup butter

salt & pepper, to taste

grated cheese, cheddar or jack

Slice the potatoes & put in baking dish. Dice the onions and spread them on top of the potatoes. Arrange the asparagus on top of that. Canned or fresh can be used; uncooked works just fine. It can be arranged to look pretty, or if you're using ends & pieces, just dump it on. Dot with butter, season, then cover tightly and bake for at least 45 minutes, at 325°, or until the potatoes are tender. Sprinkle cheese on top and let it melt before serving.

This is easy, but very good. The amounts are variable and can be changed to fit the dish and amount needed. It's a great Springtime favorite, for family, but good enough to serve to company, too.