Dear Friends,

## Greetings from Aguanga, California.

Yeah, you're wondering where in the heck is Aguanga. It's a tiny little town on California Hwy 79 South, between Temecula and Warner Springs. It has a post office, a bar and grill, and a real estate office. That's the whole downtown. But it also has a really first rate Escapees RV park called **Jojoba Hills**. The park is situated on 145 acres of hilly terrain and has 283 individual lots. It is a SKP (pronounced "skip") park which means that you can buy in and get a full time lot. The resort is a non-profit 55+ co-op RV resort owned by its members. It is essentially an adult retirement community. If you put up \$2020, you get on the waiting list for a lot. Currently, it's about a two year wait. If you change your mind, you get \$2000 of your down payment back. When a lot becomes available, you need to put up another \$20,000. Any time you wish to give up your lot, the park buys it back for whatever you paid for it and you're only out the \$20 registration fee.







Office and Ranch House Clubhouse Patio

One of the six ponds

View from

The property has every conceivable amenity; heated swimming pool, hot tubs, tennis courts, pickle ball courts, shuffleboard, horseshoe pits, miniature golf, bocce ball, huge meeting hall, sewing room, billiards room, crafts room, weight lifting room, saunas, library, wood working shop, auto shop, and a storage lot for cars, trailers and RVs. There is also a delightful little building they call, "The Ranch House." It has a cozy front room with fireplace and a very nice kitchen. Our RV friends, **Earl and Virginia**, invited us to visit them at Jojoba Hills and they threw a lovely dinner for us in

The Ranch House. They also invited several more couples so we got to see the park and meet some of the other members. This is one social group. They are doing something every single day. If you would like to know more, the park website is <a href="https://www.jojobahills.com">www.jojobahills.com</a>.

One morning Virginia took Chuck to a meeting of the Alternative Medicine Group which is held once a week in the library. We all sat around in a big circle and shared thoughts related to alternative medicine. Chuck looked to his right and was stunned. Sitting a few feet away was a long lost friend from Trinity County. **Elaine** and her husband, **Gene**, have been at Jojoba Hills for the last four years. Many years ago, they left their home in Lewiston, California, and drove off into the sunset pulling a trailer. That was it--Chuck lost track of them. What a treat it was to find them here and get reacquainted.

Now we need to back up a little. In our last newsletter, we were in Desert Pools RV Resort in the town of **Desert Hot Springs**, California. From there we went directly to **Quartzsite**, Arizona, to see the annual Quartzsite RV Show. As usual, it was crowded, exciting, and fun. This year we parked right downtown in the **Greasewood RV Park**. Greasewood has 400 dry camping spots and the cost is only \$5 a night. If you need water, Boondockers shows up twice a day with fresh, potable water. 50 gallons or less is \$10, over 50 gallons is \$15. If you need to dump your holding tanks, The Duck shows up with his truck and will pump you out for \$20. This is a super convenient location as it is only a short walk to the main tent at the show and only a half block from Silly Al's restaurant. We shopped 'til we dropped. We found the best darn sewer hose we have ever seen and at a darn good price. We were also interested in a memory foam mattress and as luck would have it, there were three mattress vendors at the show. We learned a lot, but were able to beat their prices on the Internet. We were also looking for tire pressure monitors. We ultimately selected "Pressure Pro." We are very impressed with this product. So much so that we became Pressure Pro distributors. The retail prices are tightly controlled, but we are going to break the rules and offer our friends a discount. If you want to know more, give us a yell. In a couple of weeks, we'll have a website up with tons of information.

From Quartzsite we drove to **Chiriaco Summit** and arrived there January 22. We went there specifically to see the **General Patton Museum**. Chiriaco Summit is on I-10 between Blythe and Indio. It's an interesting town consisting of a restaurant, post office, mini-mart, the museum, and a truck stop. We spent a couple of hours in the museum, had dinner in the restaurant and went to bed with the trucks.





**General Patton statue** 

One of the many tanks at the museum

We highly recommend a stop in this remote location. The museum is very interesting as is the history of the town.



Volvo camper

In the visitor's parking lot outside the museum was this highly unusual RV. It was a 4WD Volvo truck that was set up as sort of a camping van. It had tons of ground clearance and really looked as if it could go anywhere. We presume that it was originally a military vehicle of some sort. A young couple came out of the museum jumped in the Volvo and drove away before we could talk to them. Anybody know anything more about this very off-road capable vehicle?

From Chiriaco Summit, it's only a few miles to the south entrance of Joshua Tree National Park. Unfortunately, we were running out of time and had to pass up this unusual national park.

After a day of driving we arrived at an Elks Lodge in **Beaumont**, California. It was a good place to hunker down and get some work done. All three of our businesses (tax preparation, nest egg preservation, biodiesel processors) are doing very well and we just had to stay in one place and get back into work mode. From Beaumont it was straight to Jojoba Hills and you already know the rest of that story.

## **New Travel Schedule**

2/1-2/8 -- Wilderness Lakes RV Resort, Menifee, California

2/11-2/22 -- Western Horizons Desert Shadows RV Resort, Casa Grande, Arizona

2/25-3/10 -- Western Horizons Indian Waters RV Resort, Indio, California

3/10-3/17 -- Mountain Lakes RV Resort, Lytle Creek, California

4/10-4/24 -- Western Horizons Charleston Peak RV Resort and Winery, Pahrump, Nevada

Until next time, home is where you park it,

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