



The Ramblin Road

# NorCal RV Group

## Welcome to your new RV Newsletter!

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Sharon Murray: Editor

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Welcome to the first issue of "The Ramblin' Road"! This replaces the old Tel-A-Sam newsletter that most of you are familiar with. You will see familiar sections as well as some new items. This newsletter will definitely be YOUR newsletter, letting others know about your activities and journeys. This can be either as a chapter or an individual. That means that we encourage news and pictures of your chapter camp outs, as well as your individual family trips or special camping places you have found that you would like to share with other campers.

I will continue to be your editor for now and I will do my best to make sure you and/or your chapter are included with all of your latest happenings.

Sharon Murray

## Director's Message

Hello fellow RVers and camping enthusiast's,

By now many of you may have heard that our 2023 annual Round-up at Casa de Fruta had to be cancelled this year due to my medical emergency back in January. It landed me in the hospital for 2 weeks. I was hit with acute pancreatitis, kidney stone and Afib all at once. These three things combined almost took me out of the game but I had a few guardian Angels looking out for me as well as a wonderful, amazing wife who was on top of all my meds and treatments.

As of today I'm doing much better and awaiting my last procedure which is called Cardioversion which helps get my heart back into it's regular rhythm. So you see it would not be fair to my staff to dump all of the Round-up activities and final planning stages in their lap while I stayed at home recovering. So, we talked it over and decided to cancel and focus on next year.

We have our new web page up and running and you can check it out at [norcalrvgroup.org](http://norcalrvgroup.org). This page is set up like our old Good Sam page with lots of new information for your benefit and your chapters, along with who will be listed for current contact info for those interested in joining your group.

We now have 8 chapters in NorCal RV group, and we are always looking for new chapters to join us. I would like to welcome the newest chapter to our RV family. They are the "Central Valley Roadrunners" whose members come from all over Central and Northern CA. The rest of our chapters include Durham Travel Nuts, El Dorado, Ghost Riders, Happy Hobos, Lazy Daisy, Red Mountaineers RV Club, and San Jose Blackjacks.



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## Director's Message (Cont.)

As for the rest of the chapters, it looks like our winter weather is finally leaving us and warmer, more pleasant days lie ahead, which means more camping opportunities. I ask that you be safe out there while remaining polite, kind and courteous to others. Also be prepared for price increases at a lot of the RV parks. Like everything else, prices continue to climb.

**Chapters:** continue as you have been in the past, camping and having fun, making friends and lots of good memories. You govern yourself and your SOPs are decided by you as a chapter. So please take the time to update them and remove any mention of Good Sam rules or guidelines. As for NorCal and what is expected as far as SOPs at a state level, there is not a whole lot that has changed, except we too need to update the language in our SOPs and with the help from all chapter representatives we can accomplish this at our next State Committee Meeting (SCM) sometime in the next month or so. We will keep you informed.

And finally, I would like to invite you to check out our Facebook page "NorCal RV Group". This page was designed to connect the chapters and their members with each other. For example, to announce upcoming camp outs or events. You can post chapter pics of your camp outs as well as individual pics of your camping adventures. We only ask that you keep your post about chapter or individual camping topical.

I'm always open to suggestions on how to improve this page so please don't hesitate to contact me.

Well, I think I have rambled on enough and I thank you for your time and patience.

I want to send out a big "THANK YOU" to Audrey Johnson for building and maintaining our new web page and Sharon Murray for building and maintaining our new newsletter now called "The Ramblin Road". You are appreciated more than you know.

Until next time please be safe out there.

Respectfully yours:

Mike Ward

Director  
NorCal RV Group



(P.S) Please forward this Newsletter to all your chapter members.

"Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside in a cloud of smoke, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming, 'Wow, what a ride!'" Hunter S. Thompson



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# Chapter Chatter

“Chapter Chatter” should be familiar to all of us. This is the heart and soul of our newsletter and is a good way to showcase your club! Here will be articles, including pictures and schedules, sharing outings and future plans of each chapter.

Our 2023 clubs are the El Dorado Sams, Lazy Daisies, Durham Travel Nuts, Ghost Riders, Happy Hobos, Red Mountaineers RV Club , San Jose Blackjacks, and the newest club, Central Valley Roadrunners.

## Welcome to the EL DORADO SAM’S NEWS

We are a group of like minded RVer’s who love to camp with a friendly group of adults. Our year begins with a Valentine’s Day party in February at a restaurant; March through November we have outings. December we have a Holiday Party. (9 outings and 2 Parties) We camp from Sunday through Wednesday; home Thursday; usually the third week of the month. Our group loves to eat, and one day during our outing, we go to a restaurant. We have our group meeting Tuesday morning. Fun activities enjoyed during the outing range from golfing, fishing, biking, bocce ball, cards and board games, bingo, and exploring the nearby area. OR, just sitting back and relaxing, read, visit or do anything one wants to do.

If this sounds like something you’d like to do, PLEASE JOIN US!

Contact Cathie Slota at: [slota@comcast.net](mailto:slota@comcast.net) or text/phone 530-370-2452. Or President Ken Brown at: phone/text 530-240-5160. Our schedule of Campouts is as follows:

- 5/21/23—5/25/23— Flag City RV Resort, Lodi, CA
- 6/19/23—6/22/23—Vineyard RV Park, Vacaville.CA
- 7/16/23—7/19/23 —Almond Tree RV. Chico CA
- 8/20/23—8/23/23— McCloud RV, McCloud (12 rigs available)
- 9/10/23—9/13/23—Feather Falls RV,
- 10/18/23-10/21/23— need host
- 11/12/23- 11/15/23—need host
- 12/23- Holiday Party- need host

Please join us.



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The Lazy Daisies 2023 outings had a slow start due to bad weather and some health issues, but had a great first outing in March at Feather Falls KOA Casino RV Park in Oroville. Lots of us went to the Oroville Dam and had stunning views of the Spillway, opened to keep the reservoir at a reasonable level to allow for the snow melt. Driving through town one party came across a quaint antique store called Bea's Back Porch that had an adorable 1950's style ice cream shop tucked inside. The shop itself is full of wonderful treasures.

The park provided a delicious strawberry pancake breakfast and were very friendly and helpful.

Of course, our own meal traditions were terrific, and we also enjoyed dining at the Casino's buffet and one of their restaurants, a short walk or shuttle ride away. One member generously treated to yummy pizza and the brewery beer for lunch! Can't go wrong there!

Card playing and a challenging puzzle occupied us in between eating and outings, and a fun competition with "solo cup building" one evening kept us in great humor as pairs tried to outdo their partner in fun.

We've got some great outings planned going forward as we ramp up for better weather and health!

We're open to new members, feel free to contact us at [lgranko@aol.com](mailto:lgranko@aol.com) for interest or outing attendance.

Linda Granko

Secretary





# Chapter Chatter

## The Central Valley Road Runners

We are an RV chapter with a laid back and care free attitude . Everyone works together towards a common goal, and that is to make fond memories and lasting friendships.

This group consists of members from all over Central CA. We enjoy camping once a month at different locations throughout our great state usually lasting 3-4 days. Our get togethers include indoor and outdoor activities and lots of good food.

If this sounds like your cup of tea then please reach out to our chapter liaison for more information. We look forward to meeting you. (We recommend you join us for a couple of camp outs before a decision is made to be a member.)

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## DURHAM TRAVEL NUTS

We are a group of approximately 15 Active Rigs and try to go camping monthly. We are mostly Senior Citizens but are open to any age and are always actively looking for new members. We look forward to going to new campgrounds and have some favorite tried and true campgrounds that we enjoy as well. Many of our campouts were cancelled in 2020 and 2021 but look forward to an almost full list for 2022. Our members come from the Roseville area, to the Oroville and Cottonwood areas. We try to go the first weekend of the month but don't mind staying 3-4 nights or longer if the campground is a little far or we sometimes go during the week if the rates are a little cheaper or if the first weekend falls on a Holiday. We are a fun group and usually there is lots of laughing going on during the weekend. We like to play games and go visit local museums or events in the area but are not opposed to just sit around and Chat....especially since the Covid. We have missed each other.



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## SAN JOSE BLACKJACKS

We are pleased that you have taken the time to visit and hope you will find our information helpful. The San Jose Blackjacks Chapter has been around for 30+years. With our name as the "San Jose Blackjacks", we are asked quite often if we are a gambling group from San Jose. Although we do enjoy visiting a casino from time to time, the answer is no. We have members from all over northern California and one out of state. We currently have 21 rigs consisting of various types of vehicles from class "A", class "C", 5th Wheels, and Travel Trailers. Each campout usually has a theme and is full of fun activities which may include playing games, cards, crafts and of course lots of eating. We have had western themes to include a chuck wagon dinner, Summer of Love theme while wearing tie-dyed shirts, Beach Boys theme while at Pismo Beach and our most recent Kentucky Derby, playing horse races next to the Delta waterway and never got out of our chairs. We meet the first weekend of each month and the adventure is always new. From our Friday "finger food fenzy" to Saturday's potluck brunch and dinner, we have so much fun and fellowship. It seems like Sunday comes way to fast and bam! the weekend is over. With our full bellies and fond memories made, we look forward to our next outing. If you want to use your RV more and would enjoy a monthly outing with friendly people, eating good food, laughing and playing fun activities, we welcome you to come and visit us for a weekend and maybe you will become a new member too. To join us at our next campout, please reach out to Jeff our membership chairman: [jeffsmatco@aol.com](mailto:jeffsmatco@aol.com), or call 408-749-1685.

Thanks for visiting us and Happy Camping!  
Gail Krinard, Secretary, San Jose Blackjacks

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## Gold Nugget Sams

With fondness, sadness and some regret, we say good-bye to the Gold Nugget Sams Club, which disbanded in December, 2022.

Gold Nugget Sams was established in 1977 as a local club for friends and their rigs in the Sonora area of central California. They eventually extended their club borders south to Modesto and Turlock, north to Sacramento and Roseville, and west to San Jose and San Mateo. At their height, they had 30 active rigs and ventured far and wide. While many of the members have moved on to new clubs, others have retired from RVing due to age and health related difficulties.

In November, 2022 they had their final camp out at one of their favorite locations, Duck Island in Rio Vista, CA. While there, they indulged in their favorite past times of eating, games, talking, and sharing ideas on the world at large. Here are some pictures of that final camp out. Please enjoy!

