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## ***CRUISING WITH PHOENIX***

### **A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PAST PRESIDENT**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that made this club a success while I was President, from Kay Eldridge, Donna Weston, Jo Harthun, Jim Vandermolen, the Hanlons, Karen Thompson, Bill Cox, Bill Golden, Margaret/ Howard Potvin, Judy Reall, Carolann Buffington, Ann Reinhardt, Lynn Beattie, and to all of our better halves who spurred us on, endured us, enjoyed our determination, and so many others that stepped up to lead trips and helped in so many other ways. If I have forgotten to mention anyone please forgive me - age has not helped my memory any.

A true measure of a club is the volunteers that have kept this club active for 22 years and will keep it evolving for many more. I have enjoyed the club and God willing you will get to see my smiling face for many more.

### **GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT**



Happy Holidays, my friends. Peace be unto you. We have two events scheduled for this year. We have included information about an "unofficial rally" in this issue, to be held on the west coast in the spring. We encourage you to come stay in California for a few days. We are also working on a fantastic national event for September in Oregon. The editor asks me to remind you that this newsletter belongs to you all – please help with article ideas. I look forward to meeting with you again soon.

Bill

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

**Thomas David and Linda Fitzpatrick.**

Scott Township, Pennsylvania, new owners of a 2017 Phoenix Cruiser 3100.

**Dan and Margie Tooker.**

Kingwood, Texas, owners of a 2014 Phoenix Cruiser 2910T. They are retired—Don from Shell Oil, and Margie was a Medical Practice Manager. They have 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren.

### **Memory Lapses**

Ever walk into a room and completely forget what you went in there for?

Turns out doors themselves are to blame for these memory lapses.

Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what is known as an Event Boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next. Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new room. This may also occur if you return to the original room. Double Jeopardy?

Thank goodness for studies like this.

It's not your age, it's that that damn door.

Forgive me if I already posted this from the other room.

*Howard Potvin*

**Inter-Vec Phoenix Travel Club**  
**Reunion Business Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2016**

Meeting Facilitator: President Allen Kosobucki

**I. Call to order-**

President Allen Kosobucki called the meeting to order at 1000.

**II. Roll call:**

There were 34 members present- 18 RVs. Everyone introduced themselves and told where they were from, how long they had been members and which unit they owned.

**III. Approval of minutes from last meeting-**

Last year's business meeting minutes were presented in the newsletter prior to this years meeting. Clark and Barb Sherwin made a motion to approve the minutes, Motion carried.

**IV. Treasurer Report:**

Karen Thompson gave the club the Treasurers report. Motion to approve report made by Clark Sherwin and Bill Cox

**V. Open issues**

- a) 2017 Reunion to be held in Bend. Oregon
- b) Suggestions for 2018 in the Central Time Zone. Dennis and Johanna Harthun volunteered to research a reunion site for 2018.
- c) Election of Executive Committee Members: Nominations for officers of the club for the coming year are:

President-Bill Cox  
Vice President- Bill Golden  
Secretary —Margaret Potvin  
Treasurer- Karen Thompson  
Member-at Large- Allen Kosobucki (Temporarily, still looking for volunteer).

- d) Motion: Clark Sherwin and Sally Rice motioned for officers be adopted. Motion carried.
- e) Newsletter Editor — Howard Potvin will continue as newsletter editor and Bill Cox as Webmaster.

**VI. New business**

- a) Earl Robbins addressed the club with the new and improved changes the factory has made to the 2017 Phoenix Cruiser. Numerous brochures were available for members to view. He then read a letter written by Kermit Fisher to the club explaining due to a schedule conflict he was unable to attend this year's reunion. (Copy will be made available through the club's website).
- b) Motion carried unanimously for those who have been members for 20 years become Charter members. No further dues will be collected from these members.
- c) Thanks to the 2016 Reunion Organizers. Without their assistance this reunion would not have been a success.
- d) Moment of Silence- A moment of silent prayer was held in memory of members passed away since the last reunions especially Lou Alpert.

**VII. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1100.

Respectfully submitted: Mickey Kosobucki (volunteer minute taker)

INTERVEC-PHOENIX TRAVEL CLUB  
Cash Flow Statement  
Fiscal Year To Date 12/1/2016

Fifth/Third <b>Savings Account</b> Balance 1/1/2016	26,007.29	
Fifth/Third <b>Checking Account</b> Balance 1/1/2016	<u>3,480.95</u>	
Beginning Cash Balance		29,488.24
<b>Inflows - Fiscal Year 2016</b>		
Dues - 2016	1,690.00	
New Member Rebates - 2016	50.00	
Dues - 2017	125.00	
Interest Income	4.77	
Reunion Fee - 2016	7,816.40	
Silent Auction - 2016	<u>514.00</u>	
<b>Total Inflows - 2016</b>		<b>10,200.17</b>
<b>Outflows - Fiscal Year 2016</b>		
Operating Expenses --		
Liability Insurance	1,210.00	
Office Supplies	14.26	
Postage--Shipping	102.93	
Website Fee	<u>100.30</u>	
Total Operating Expenses		1,427.49
Reunion Expenses 2016 --		
Catered Meals - Breakfast - 2016	1,298.49	
Club Sponsored Meals (Pizza and Potluck)	306.97	
Bingo Gifts	255.80	
Campground Fees - Cherry Hill	6,674.40	
Motorcoach Trip	<u>1,925.00</u>	
Total Reunion Expenses - 2016		10,460.66
Campground Deposit - Sisters OR - 2017		500.00
<b>Total Outflows - 2017</b>		<b>12,388.15</b>
<b>Overall Cash Flow Year To Date</b>		<b><u>(2,187.98)</u></b>
Fifth/Third <b>Savings Account</b> Balance 12/1/2016	26,012.06	
Fifth/Third <b>Checking Account</b> Balance 12/1/2016	<u>1,288.20</u>	
Ending Cash Balance		<u><u>27,300.26</u></u>

## FARM CROP IDENTIFICATION FROM THE ROADWAY

OK, so I have an overactive need to know things. One of those is what is growing along the many highways we travel on our RV trips. At one time, most of America was involved in farming. Now that most of us have moved to the cities, few of us can identify even simple crops growing throughout America. It is especially difficult if you are moving at fifty-five miles an hour.

Most of us can recognize vegetables we may grow in our own garden, but when it comes to commercial crops, my expertise stops with corn and citrus fruits. Although recently someone taught me to identify soy beans.

I have always appreciated the infrequent signs that some farmers put up to tell us what they are growing. Years ago in Oregon, someone began to put up wooden signs identifying what was growing. An organized effort has resulted in hundreds of professional signs on fences on major highways. The signs help the public reconnect with agriculture and develop pride in their state. Oregon produces more than 225 commodities.

One website helpful in crop identification is <http://www.wikihow.com/Identify-Farm-Crops>.



It provides steps to follow to identify what is growing. The crops that it identifies are: wheat, barley, corn, maize, oats, rice, spinach, potatoes,

broccoli, alfalfa, and cotton. The site tells when to look for including the time of year, the color of the crop. The only problem is that this was developed in the United Kingdom so it is not specific to the United States. And this doesn't satisfy my need to know NOW.

*Margaret Potvin*

## CREDIT CARD SCAMS

According to banking authorities, more and more people are falling victim to the latest credit card scam sweeping across the nation. Persons identifying themselves as fraud department investigators from either MasterCard or Visa are calling credit card customers to advise them that their card security has been compromised by a scam artist.

The callers do not ask for your card number they already have it. After providing a phony badge number, they ask the victim whether they recently purchased merchandise at a particular retailer, usually ranging in price from \$297.00 to \$497.00, just under the \$500 charge that flags most cards. Then the caller informs that you will soon be receiving a credit on your next billing statement for the amount of the purchase. Then the caller reads back your mailing address to verify whether it is correct. To complete the scam, the victim is then asked to verify the 3-digit security code on the back of their credit card (The only information the scammer doesn't already have). When you receive your next credit card statement, you will see charges for purchases you never made. By then, it may be too late or more difficult to file a fraud report. Don't fall for this scam. If this happens to you, hang up and call the number on your billing statement or credit card for reporting suspected fraud.

According to Visa, they will never ask customers for any numbers or other information on your credit card, because they already have that information. The only thing they may ask for is a security word — such as your mother's maiden name or the name of your favorite pet — which you had previously provided for them.

Then there is the so-called Jury Duty Scam, where the con artist calls, claiming to be a court representative. They inform the victim that an arrest warrant has been issued for failure to show up for jury duty. In order to clear up the matter, the victim is asked for their address, birth date, Social Security number and credit card number. The unsuspecting victim, worried about being arrested, readily complies, thereby subjecting themselves to identity theft and credit card fraud. Again, just say "no" and hang up. If you actually missed jury duty, the court will inform you by mail.



## 2017 National Rally News - Bend/Sisters, Oregon

Here are just a few things to do near our rally site in September 2017. Some of these could work into group excursions.

### High Desert Museum

The museum's indoor and outdoor exhibits focus on several hundred years of history and animal life. Indoor displays include a trapper's camp, survey party's camp, pioneer wagon train, a mining claim, and an early western boomtown. Outside is a Native American encampment, a start-of-the-20th-century sawmill, logging equipment, homesteaders cabin, and a forestry pavilion.

### Lava River Cave Interpretive Site (USFS)

Explore a mile long lava tube near Bend is one of the longest continuous caves of its kind in Oregon. The average temperature in the cave is a cool 42 degrees. After descending 150 stairs, you will spend 1 ½ hours exploring.

### Mt. Bachelor Scenic Chairlift Ride (USFS)

This ride takes you to 7,775 feet where you can see over one million acres of pristine wilderness, including the Three Sisters Peaks. While there you can eat, hike the trails, or join a USFS Ranger for an Interpretive Tour.

### Golf

Bend, OR is home to three courses ranked among Golf Digest Magazine's list of "America's 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses. The view is breathtaking and wildlife abounds!

### Whitewater Rafting

If this activity is on your bucket list, there are several outfitters in the area offering trips for two hours or the whole day.

### Balloon Rides

Explore the early morning skies from a hot air balloon. What a way to view the beautiful scenery.

### Bend Ale Trail

Dubbed Beer Town USA, you can visit a selection of distilleries and wineries.

### Scenic Flights

How about taking a 20 minute flight from a vintage aircraft with an open cockpit?



## WEST COAST RALLY COMING UP May 21-24 2017

Bill Cox, wagon master for this event, invites one and all to this popular annual event. Although not an official "Phoenix Cruiser" event, most of the attendees have or have had a PC. In the past folks from as far away as Texas have attended.

The West Coast reunion will be Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, the 24<sup>th</sup> at **Pismo Coast Village RV Resort** in Pismo Beach, CA. Site rent will be \$174.72 for the four nights. We'll have a catered dinner costing about \$13 a person on Wednesday evening, and a potluck breakfast or dinner on another day.

Here's a rough timeline (more details later):

- Sunday: Arrive, carpool to the Great American Melodrama and Vaudeville in Oceano for dinner and a performance of Mark Twain's "Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court."
- Monday: Daytime - Walk into Pismo for sightseeing & shopping. Evening - Potluck dinner in the clubhouse.
- Tuesday: Breakfast – giant cinnamon buns for outdoor breakfast, possibly winery tours. Evening - Outdoor campfire-style dinner, campfire.
- Wednesday: Daytime – unorganized. Evening - Brief business meeting. Catered dinner in clubhouse.
- Thursday: Pack up and leave.

### **You will need to reserve your site by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

Each of us will need to do that on our own. Call **Pismo Coast Village RV Resort, (888) 782-3224**. The Mid Week rental charge will be \$174.72 for 4 nights. Mention you are with the **Bill Cox** group and ask that you be placed near him

### **Words of Wisdom:**

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.

Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.



Karen Thompson, Treasurer  
2743 Henry Street, PMB 128  
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### 2017 Membership Registration Form

The 2016 membership registration is due by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Dues are \$30 per member (a couple is considered one member). If you do not receive your newsletter by e-mail, you will need to pay an additional \$5.00 for service by US Mail. Please complete the following information and mail your check and form to the address above before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please make check payable to **InterVec Phoenix Travel Club**.  
Mail to: Karen Thompson, 2743 Henry Street PMB 128, Muskegon, MI 49441

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate dates of alternate address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address (es) \_\_\_\_\_

RV Brand \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

Stopping Place – It has been the practice of some club members to offer stopping places for other members. This would mean you are offering a place for fellow members to stay for one night without providing anything other than a spot to park. We will put this list out in the next newsletter. Members will be required to contact you before stopping. The newsletter will only include your city and e-mail address so you can be contacted.

Are you willing to provide this service? \_\_\_\_\_

How did you learn about the InterVec-Phoenix Travel Club? \_\_\_\_\_

If a member recommended the club to you, what is his or her name? \_\_\_\_\_

Optional questions: On the reverse side of this form, tell us something about yourself. For example, What kind of work do you do or are you retired? Children? Hobbies? Volunteer activities? Special interests? Pets? Etc.  
If you wish, send us a photograph. We would like to know a bit about you and if you send a picture, space permitting, we might use it in our newsletter.

Also, if you have a suggestion for a place to hold a future Reunion, or if you simply want to recommend a good camping experience, please let us know.