

SRH 2021 HOLIDAY PARTY

Banning Stagecoach KOA -- December 6th thru 8th
By Maureen Bush



The holidays is a time for sharing time with friends and family and reminiscing about the past while sharing our present plans and activities. We had 26 members that chose to take advantage of the SRH 2021 Holiday Party in Banning, California for this very reason. Oh yea....it

also helps if you live within 125 miles or less. They included: Ray & Maureen Bush, Paul & Sue Craft, Bill & Pam Elliott, Andy & Charity Gippetti, Tom & Carol Gleaton, Margie Hoffman, Mary Holzgang, Phil & Amy MacBride, Dick & Lynne Miller, Dusty Oess, Bill Penn, Jim & Linda Preston, Dan & Adrienne Sherwood, Sanford & Linda Simmons, Chuck & Cindy Taylor. Over 65% of the group arrived on Sunday, 12/5. The Taylors arrived for the last two days to camp as Chuck has been busy replacing their house roof. Dusty couldn't join us camping but she did arrive on the last day to enjoy our final happy hour, appetizers, banquet and installation of officers.

This was our first time to Banning Stagecoach KOA and we found it well maintained, hedges between sites, dog park, cottage rentals plus clubhouses for group activities and other amenities. It was an easy check-in as our wagon master, Sue Craft, had all our site info and park map ready to distribute as we arrived. Of course, we made it easier on her as to our surprise there were four rigs that pulled off the freeway all at the same time from different directions. A few had arrived earlier and they were waiting to greet us. All received a welcome package that included the new windshield patch that Andy coordinated (available to all for \$2.50 each). Also included was some old fashioned peppermint bark to satisfy your sweet tooth. Early arrivals joined together Sunday evening for outside appetizers and a campfire but the temperatures were dropping and most retreated to their warm cozy residences. Some of our group visited Gramma's Country Kitchen and the Farm's House Restaurant (big red barn) in Banning for additional eats.

Monday was setup day! All those interested joined together in the clubhouse to setup tables and chairs, add some holiday décor and begin displaying the many donations for the Dogs for Better Lives fundraiser. The official campout started Monday afternoon when we moved happy hour and appetizers into our reserved clubhouse for the rest of the campout. Paul lit up the glowing fire as I caught Dan attempting to warm his back without much success! Shortly thereafter, we viewed the SRH 2021 Campout Video. As usual, great job Paul for capturing our group activities with a little help from his fellow elves that stroll around all year long to capture photos and share them on our website. It was evident by the campfire videos that Paul is still in-training for the lighting of the propane fire pits; plus he's added sound effects to exploit his actions. Check out the video and numerous other info on the website page thanks Lindsay for maintaining this site. Afterwards, some retreated to their home away from home to prepare a light dinner while a few brave souls headed to the campfire.

Jim Preston took a quick trip to Santee to join his trombone ensemble for their annual holiday music celebration; returning back to camp that evening.

There were brief announcements on 147.51 MHz was held at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Tuesday morning we were served a hearty breakfast prepared by our 2021 board members! You can always count on Linda Preston, our chaplain, to share a prayer with the group to remind us of how blessed we are and to share this time with our friends. Thanks also to Jim & Linda Preston who supplied us with poinsettias that added to our holiday décor. Now its time to quickly grab your drink of choice as we are about to start our last chapter meeting of 2021.

Our weather was a little cooler than expected with a light drizzle throughout our stay so the clubhouse was well utilized. Throughout the day, Small groups gathered together to partake in their chosen activity while others hit the road to explore the area.



Margie brought a collections of beads and her tools for those that wanted to create their own personalized crafty items. This activity included Margie, Linda Preston, Sue, Mary, Amy, Pam and Adrienne. I saw several items that included their call signs on bracelets and key chains.



Meanwhile, Paul Craft installed and educated the Buses on a new program called Libra that he uses. It provided the necessary word and spreadsheet tools that would allow Maureen to cancel the costly annual Microsoft 365 family fees that were about to renew. He graciously shared his time and knowledge to get Maureen up to speed so she could compose the campout article and put password protection on her financial spreadsheets. Tom Gleaton joined in to cleanup the laptop and troubleshoot some of our concerns. Tom reassured us our laptop had sufficient memory to support our usages. Thanks to both these guys for spending hours with us throughout the campout.



A continental breakfast was provided on Wednesday morning hosted by the Officers. Time was set aside for all to plan their activity. Cindy Taylor was prepared to show us the basic steps for making her no-sew fringe fleece throws. Lynne Miller and Pam Elliott brought their material and Cindy provided the tools/instructions and the girls were off and running. Lynne got lots of experience with the rotary cutter and finished cutting all the outside edges on her blanket. I'm sure she will finish pulling all the fringes while sitting in front of the fireplace and television while in Chiloquin. Pam on the other hand just needed some hands-on-experience on the no-sew fringe process.

Rumikub was the game of choice as Margie, Sue, Linda Preston and Maureen played multiple games. Regardless of the game, you always learn new instructions as I never read the instructions completely. Instead, I depend on the players to educate me and keep me on track.



Someone might say, "What is there to do in Banning?" Well, besides the planned clubhouse activities that kept us busy some ventured off to local areas. The Gippetis hiked to a mountain top cell tower to capture a picture of the valley. They also stopped by Hadley's Fruit Stand and paid a visit to the dinosaur in Cabazon that was decked out in his finest Christmas attire. This is a roadside attraction featuring two enormous, steel and concrete dinosaurs named Dinny the Dinosaur and Mr. Rex.



An hour later, everyone gathered again for happy hour with heavy appetizers that were provided by all in attendance. Some wore their favorite animal attire in preparation for the "Dogs for Better Lives" fundraiser. Little did we know that we required more tables for donations than we did for eating. Everyone was so generous on donations in addition to purchasing raffle tickets. There were so many great gifts, whether hand made, store bought, or recycled; I stopped counting donations at 150. Some left with enough reading material to open their own mini-library. Sanford chose a glass cake cover for his beloved wife but when it was her turn to select a gift she instead returned Sanford's selection, which was a first, for someone else to enjoy (it is a great donation but requires lots of space to store). I was fortunate to win one of Margie's home made Christmas wreaths as were three other lucky winners at the raffle. Everyone walked away with at least one or more gifts. We all enjoyed the evening but as the night went on we all showed some signs of withering. Another successful fundraiser for our charity and our chairperson, Pam Elliott. We all should be proud as we are closely approaching, if not exceeding the \$100,000. total donation over the last 40 plus years of our chapter!



Paul & Sue Craft were off to the Oak Glen area walking through the Botanical Gardens to capture some photographs. This location was shared with Andy & Charity who also visited there later in the week. You probably heard about Oak Glen when we experienced the

devastating El Dorado fire. A pyrotechnic device used to reveal a baby's gender went wrong and ignited 4' tall grass in September 2020. Unfortunately, one of our Big Bear Hot Shots died fighting this fire as it spread close to many areas where we drive regularly to reach our Big Bear residence. What happened to the good ole days where parents were surprised to identify the sex of our newborns via sonograms or they wait for the actual birth??

Phil & Amy headed up the windy road to Idyllwild to stroll through the mountain community to see their Christmas decorations. They also located some geocaching finds along the way. Ray & Maureen took the opportunity to shop at a nearby Kohl's to grab a few of those seat cushions that resemble a slab of wood. Pam is an experienced shopper at Kohl's and told me where to look to purchase using my discounts.

Wednesday evening was our final gathering as a group to send out 2021 and look forward to a 2022 full year of camping, health and good will! I love the Christmas season as it provides us an opportunity to slow down, set aside our daily attire and dress up in our party clothes and see if people still recognize who we are after being cleaned up.

We started the evening with very light appetizers as we were preparing for a full course Thanksgiving menu. If you were planning on a glass of wine...sit down and relax as Ray and Dick struggled to extract the corks. The banquet menu included turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, beans, cranberries, rolls, various pies, wines and sparkling cider. The food was fantastic! My dinner on Thanksgiving was limited to a few items to keep it simply so we feel fully satisfied that our SHR Holiday Party totally satisfied our holiday meal.



Now that our tummies are full it was time to get up and move around....get some exercise.....move those tables and chairs to make way for our group photo. Lastly, Margie introduced our 2022 president, Pam Elliott, and handed over the gavel. Pam took charge immediately thanking the 2021 board and mentioned how she was looking forward to working with the new board. Before the night concluded we sang Happy Birthday to Dusty Oess and Dick Miller.

I'd like to thank everyone that puts so much time and effort into keeping this chapter active. They dedicate their time (not to mention their monetary donations) to plan, communicate, finalize and present activities for our group. The Sunday Net, Zoom Campfire and the HOG allow us to keep in touch. You are all important to us whether you are a behind the scenes participant or on the board. In fact, I'd better get this off to our HOG editor, Lynne, Miller, because she has great computer skills which I do not possess. We wish you all a Safe and Merry Christmas however you choose to celebrate and no matter where you live....hope to see you at Quartzsite.



Ray & Dick & the corks!



Happy Birthday Dick and Dusty!



Installation of the 2022 Sam's Radio Hams officers





STRAWBERRY BANANA TRIFLE



- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 3 tablespoons strawberry gelatin powder
- 1 cup cold water
- 1 pint fresh strawberries, sliced
- 1-3/4 cups cold milk
- 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
- 3 medium firm bananas, sliced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 6 cups cubed angel food cake
- 2 cups whipping cream, whipped

Additional strawberries or banana slices, optional

In a saucepan, combine the sugar, cornstarch and gelatin; stir in water until smooth. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 minutes or until thickened. Remove


from the heat. Stir in strawberries; set aside. In a mixing bowl, combine milk and pudding mix. Beat on low speed for 2 minutes; set aside. Toss bananas with lemon juice; drain and set aside. Place half of the cake cubes in a trifle bowl or 3-qt. serving bowl. Layer with half of the pudding, bananas, strawberry sauce and whipped cream. Repeat layers. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours. Garnish with additional fruit if desired. **Yield:** 14 servings.

Meet the Cook

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Kim Waterhouse, Randolph, Maine
STRAWBERRY BANANA TRIFLE

No matter where I take this dessert, the bowl gets emptied in minutes. It's fun to make because everyone "oohs" and "ahhs" over how pretty it is.




Good People News

PRO TIP #22: RING YOUR DOORBELL ON YOUR WAY TO BED. THIS WILL CLEAR THE DOGS OFF OF THE BED JUST LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO GET COMFORTABLE



Hat Creek Campout

October 15-17

By Ann Morgan

Hmmm.

They never answer their phone.

They never call you back.

Are they real?

Is there even a RV park in Hat Creek?

Do we actually have reservations?

So many questions - so few answers.

Sometimes you just have to go on faith.



We were pleased and surprised at the tranquil setting we found at the Rancheria RV Park. Mallards and Bob's Eagle Idaho Canadian Geese were regular visitors at the lake.

Thursday was early arrival day and the Smith's, Eddy's, and Ann Morgan were there to meet our guests. The Griffith's were the first to arrive, followed by the Sherwood's, Margie Hoffman, Bill Penn, the Elliott's and the Lopez's.

Mike Smith barbequed hot dogs for our guests that were served with all the fix in's along with coleslaw, potato salad, chips, candy and cookies.

The Elliott's set out their campfire for a nice campfire next to the lake.



On Friday, Ann led us on a drive out to the Seti Institute in Hat Creek. We took a self-guided tour of the Seti Institute array of parabolic antenna dishes. Sarah and Pranav, from Seti, came out and answered a lot of our questions regarding the Seti and the dishes. Pranav even moved some of the dishes for us so we could see them in action.

Bill Elliott swears he could hear someone or something calling “Elliott”, but we all think he was a little cocoo!

Bill Penn wondered if one of these babies could solve his Internet reception problems back at the RV park. Steve Eddy was pretty sure he had enough coax to reach back to Bill’s rig. 😊



It was a fascinating place. You never know where the beaten path will lead you!

From there Ann took us to Baum Lake next to the Hat Fish Hatchery. What a beautiful setting where Hat Creek and Crystal Lake meet up to create Baum Lake. Open to year-fishing, there were plenty of folks fishing from their float [Wild rainbow trout and browns abound in this lovely spot.](#)

This little gem is definitely worth another visit, especially if you are a fishing fiend. Some of these trout top 20 lbs. It is also a great place for a little hiking. There is a part of the Pacific Pacific Coast Trail which meanders along the west side of the lake shore. Perfect place to bring your kayak – with only electric motors allowed.



From a peek at Baum Lake, we traveled around the next bend on Cassel Road to visit the Packway Materials Sculpture Park. We stopped to take photos and explore.



Packway is the local materials yard with concrete, dirt, rock and loads of other useful items.



Richie and Will Hathaway, the two brothers who own and operate the yard, started building these fun sculptures about 20 years ago. It all started with the dinosaur, which is the company logo. The first year, the dino appeared over the winter. The next winter saw the second addition to the collection. Each year after that, a new masterpiece would appear. Pretty soon, Richie and Will had to create a parking area to accommodate all the people coming by for a peek.

From Packway most of us ventured into the sleepy hamlet of Burney to explore the town and have lunch. We stopped at the Blackberry Patch Restaurant, Jack's favorite Burney joint! We got



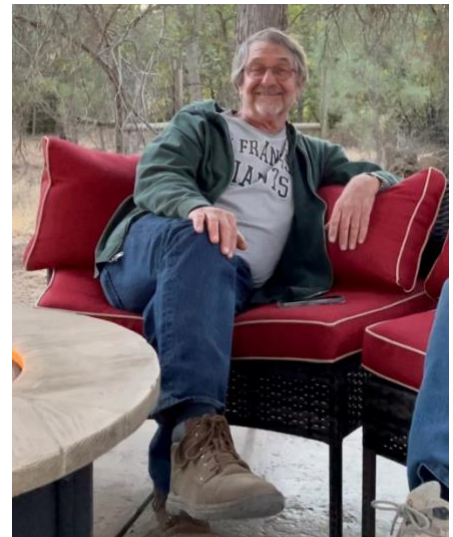
a great table and we ordered a Reuben, a Reuben, and a Reuben. 😊 Small town food with a big heart – the two young gals who waited on us were delightful.

After lunch we headed back to camp and enjoyed happy hour on the lake.

Saturday morning, everyone was free to explore on their own. In the afternoon, we headed over to Ann's house for a chapter meeting and a bbq. Margie did a great job with the meeting as usual. Here is your reminder – SRH is looking for officers and appointed chairpersons. If you are interested in helping out the group, please send your nominations to Dan Sherwood w6das@twc.com. Please consider helping out!



After the meeting, we enjoyed a BBQ dinner with tri-tip, beans, salads, and brownies. Thanks to Pam, Becky, and Jane for your yummy additions.





↑ Sherwoods ready to stargaze



↑ Meat for the meet!

Sunday was filled with the falls and forest followed by bowling and food. We headed to McArthur Burney State Park. The park is within the Cascade Range and Modoc Plateau natural region, with forest and five miles of streamside and lake shoreline, including a portion of Lake Britton.

The park's centerpiece is the 129-foot Burney Falls, which is not the highest or largest waterfall in the state, but possibly the most beautiful. Additional water comes from springs, joining to create a mist-filled basin. Burney Creek originates from the park's underground springs and flows to Lake Britton, getting larger along the way to the majestic falls.

The park's landscape was created by volcanic activity as well as erosion from weather and streams. This volcanic region is surrounded by mountain peaks and is covered by black volcanic rock, or basalt. Created over a million years ago, the layered, porous basalt retains rainwater and snow melt, which forms a large underground reservoir.



Within the park, the water emerges as springs at and above Burney Falls, where it flows at 100 million gallons every day.

Burney Falls was named after pioneer settler Samuel Burney who lived in the area in the 1850s. The McArthurs were pioneer settlers who arrived in the late 1800s. Descendants were responsible for saving the waterfall and nearby land from development. They bought the property and gave it to the state as a gift in the 1920s.

We took a hike down the eastern side of Burney Creek down to the falls, then crossed the creek and up to the western side and back to the visitor's center. The weather was perfect and the views were great!

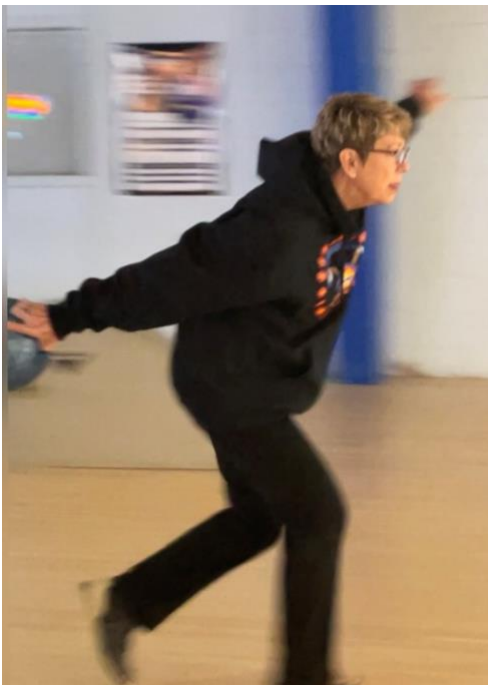
After a quick ride down to Lake Britton to scope out possible kayaking locals, we headed into Burney for our visit to the Burney Bowl.

When is the last time you went bowling? What size bowling shoes do you wear? How heavy should your bowling ball be??? We got to find out the answers to those questions are more! 😊

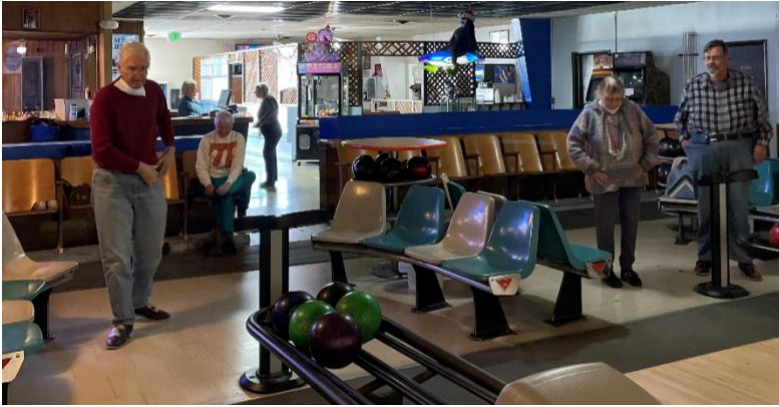
Who would you guess was a bowling phenom? One handedly beat the rest of us by a long shot?



In addition to bowling, we enjoyed bowling alley food and drinks. Fried mushrooms, corn, cheese, and poppers. Guilty pleasures all! 😊



Drum Roll Please.....Dan Sherwood dominated the SRH bowling efforts. He was amazing. He put the rest of us to shame! Bowling was a super walk down memory lane. I don't think there was one in the group who had bowled in the last 25 years. We all did great and best yet, no injuries! Other than egos..that is!



All-in-all it was a fun campout. Thanks to everyone for coming all the way up to northern California. It was a long way, but it was worth it! Next year, we should look at August – dark of the moon festival at Lassen is calling.

Thanks for joining us!

Mike, Lynne, Steve, Lindsay, and Ann



BOULDER CREEK CAMPOUT

9/27 - 29, 2021

The Boulder Creek Campout at Lone Pine, California was hosted by Jim & Linda Preston and Paul & Sue Craft. There were a total of 26 individuals and nine RV's. Tom and Carol Gleaton had to turn back before making it to Lone Pine. Two cottages were utilized by the Prestons, MacBrides and Mary Holzgang. Bushes were without their RV and joined the daytime group activities while staying at the Best Western for two nights. The fires unfortunately filled the skies with smoke preventing all from enjoying the beautiful Sierras for a portion of the campout. The hosts identified several nearby attractions to keep everyone busy, i.e., Mt. Whitney Fish Hatchery, Manzanar Visitor Center, Museum of Western Film History, Alabama Hills, Eastern California Museum or a drive up to Whitney Portal to see the waterfall. Last year most of the above attractions were unavailable due to covid restrictions.

Campers included Paul & Sue Craft, Jim & Linda Preston, Phil & Amy MacBride, Mary Holzgang, Bill & Pam Elliott, Bill Penn (his son, Jason, visited for one night), Margie Hoffman, Dan & Adrienne Sherwood, Linda & Sanford Simmons, Ray & Maureen Bush, Andy & Charity Gippetti and David & Maggie Lopez. Plus an unexpected visit from Lou & Darla Figueroa, long time Good Sam Chapter members, who spent a day with the group.



There was no rooster call or question of the day as all were eager to get on with the days activities. Instead, there was a daily radio announcement to reiterate the days scheduled

activities and times. An Intro to Geocaching was presented by Paul and Jim. Some added the geocaching app on their phones and used their new tool to track down and locate the treasures. Geocaching is a hobby that has unlimited locations to find in every state. Camp was quiet on Monday afternoon as most were out exploring. You can always count on people returning to camp early enough to gather their appetizers for happy hour. This was Charity's first campout and her husband, Andy, volunteered her to make Lumpia which in simple terms is homemade deep fried egg rolls involving quite a preparation process. Bill Elliott helped to setup the deep frying station for Charity. One of the best parts of the campouts is sharing food and trying someone else's creations.

I did notice Paul up on Margie's RV with his soldering iron and while up there he cleaned the recently installed solar panels. Between Bill Elliott and Paul Craft we are fortunate to have the best RV repair men available to give advice or in some cases keep our RV's functioning.

There was a new game in camp, Mahjong, taught by Charity to Pam, Sue and Margie. I couldn't begin to explain the game so you'll have to get one of the above girls to educate you! A new twist was added to the game of bingo called Baseball Bingo. There wasn't the ease of the col-umn headings B-I-N-G-O to help you find FAST BALL, STRIKE OUT, FOUL, etc. It reminded me of Word Search! We played ten games and winners were rewarded with a Lotto Scratcher. Fun was had by all except when I traded cards with my husband and he ended up winning 3 games.



Pet Corner





The chapter meeting was held on Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. Margie lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by our Chaplain, Linda Preston, providing words of wisdom and safe travels. It was encouraging knowing that there are at least four opportunities for camping over the next five months, with the Southern California Tailgate 2022 starting March 31st.

Immediately following the meeting five brave souls (Paul Craft, Bill Elliott, David Lopez, Andy Gipetti and Sanford Simmons) took off for a challenging SOTA hike to Rattlesnake Mountain. These mountain men had to crawl at times to reach the summit, perform setup and record contacts. They were successful but not everyone made it to the top but all was well with a little help from our friends. (see SOTA photos below)

Meanwhile back at camp, Pam was preparing for the Dogs for Better Lives Fundraiser Raffle. Appetizers started the evening while everyone was checking out the raffle items and purchasing their winning tickets. Everyone dug deep in their pockets, donating \$411 for the dogs! Everyone brought their side dish or salad to share while Paul manned the hot dog grill. Good thing we did the raffle first as the weather was questionable with dark clouds hanging over the mountains. The entire evening was a huge success but the wind started blowing fiercely and everyone grabbed their treasures, helped to buckle down the chairs and tables and retreated to their cozy resting places for the remainder of the evening. Sorry no campfire that night!

Summits on The Air





Wednesday morning the wind gusts played havoc for Bill's famous breakfast sandwiches, another donation collection for the dogs. The sandwiches were just as delicious as usual and well appreciated by everyone in attendance. Shortly thereafter, the camp was empty again as everyone went their own way to explore or teamed up with others that had similar ideas on how to spend the day. Hopefully we will see photos of the various activities as I saw many people taking pictures. All gathered again for our famous happy hour where many found there was no need for dinner because the appetizers satisfied their needs. Everyone's participation and willingness to help is what makes our chapter so successful.

A few campers decided to extend their stay at Boulder Creek for a few more days while others had to pack their bags and head home. This was a perfect time for the Elliotts and Crafts to head to Lake Sabrina to check out the fall colors.





It was great to Meet N' Greet people that we had never met before or to spend time getting to know others on a more personal basis. Here are some of the responses when asking individuals what they liked best about this campout.....

- A lot more opportunities to use ham radio, checking antennas and doing repairs
- Seeing your friends again and meeting new friends
- Sitting round the campfire, socializing
- Being able to go camping again
- New friends and love the east side of the Sierras
- Breakfast sandwich, scenery and people
- Seeing everyone and co-hosting with my husband
- Belonging to a radio club and receiving help from friends
- Alabama Hills and Arches, hiking
- Summits on The Air
- Shared foods
- COMRADERY – a feeling of friendliness, goodwill, and familiarity among the people in our group
- Meeting new members and reacquainting with old friends knowing that SAMS

HAMS IS ALIVE and WELL!





**Camping Corner
Train Mountain
Campout
5/27 to 5/31/2021
By Maureen Bush**



Lynne and Dick Miller, campout hosts coupled with co-hosts Lindsay and Steve Eddy with a lot of support from Pam and Bill Elliott provided a fun packed event for us at Train Mountain in Chiloquin, Oregon. Thirteen of our Chapter members are also Train Mountain members who regularly support this location.

Sam's Radio Hams campout participants included Steve & Lindsay Eddy, Bill & Pam Elliott, Bill Penn, Ray & Maureen Bush, Ann Morgan, Margie Hoffman, Dan & Adrienne Sherwood, Paul & Sue Craft, Les & Matthew Cobb, Peter & Jane Griffith, Paul & Becki Stewart plus Emmi, Dave & Maggie Lopez (new members) and Lynne & Dick Miller. Lynne & Mike Smith spent some time with members before the formal campout but had to



depart early heading to other commitments. There were a total of 13 rigs. It was suggested that individuals make a donation to Train Mountain for use of their dry camping area since covid has challenged their funds.

The fun began Thursday night at happy hour around the campfire which was attended by 25 people. Everyone had an opportunity to introduce themselves. Not sure who came up with the idea of a pinecone acting as a microphone but as it was passed along we had some that didn't know which end was up or they couldn't find the push to talk button. It was humorous and Lacey even got in on the fun as she was trying to help Les figure it out! It was evident that we've all been in isolation for too long and yearned to be back in touch with friends and family where we can give hugs and enjoy our friendship while still being aware that we need to play it safe!





Friday morning we were off to visit Dogs for Better Lives that was 1 1/2 hours from Train Mountain in Central Point, Oregon. Wanda Cockey, Pam's contact person, was eagerly awaiting our arrival. They were surprised at the size of our group! We learned a lot about how our donations have assisted this charity and brought much happiness to the individuals receiving these assistance dogs. Covid has created many challenges for this group but they have prevailed. See the additional article on page 11.

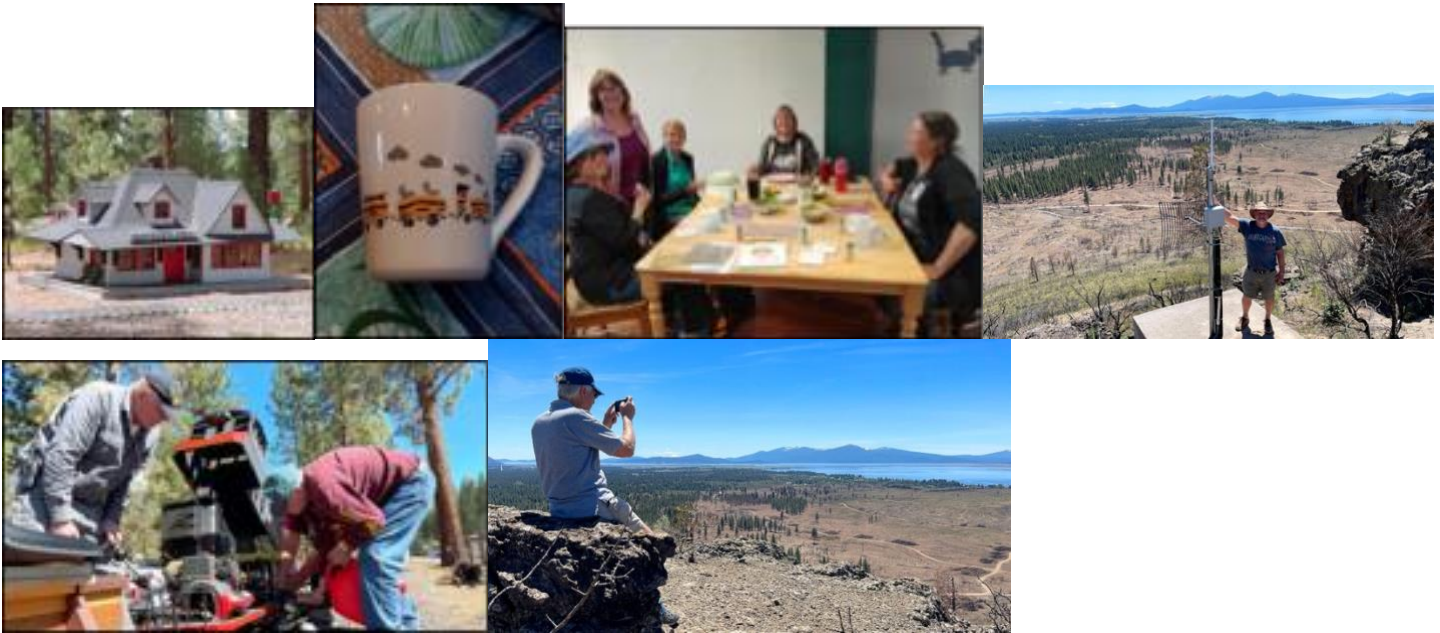
We then traveled to a beautiful lakeside setting for lunch at Lake of the Woods Resort. Definitely a place to relax in a chair by the lake, gather together at one of the many picnic tables after selecting our food, visit the gift shop (of course), feed the chipmunks or grab a drink in the bar. It would have been fun to spend more time at the lake and this will definitely be on our list to visit next time we are at Train Mountain. Another great choice by our hosts Dick and Lynne and you know they are always scoping out the best places to eat in Oregon!

Saturday morning a group of eleven headed to the Next of Kiln in Klamath Falls for our introductory to pottery painting. There were so many items to choose from, once selected we were ready to pick out some colors, grab a sponge for blotting or a paintbrush, and don't forget those stencils to help us less creative artists. It was hard to visualize how the finished product would look after the firing process so many took a before picture. We can't wait to see pictures of the finished products. Lynne did good scheduling this activity as we would also enjoy a return trip during a future event. Afterwards, some returned to camp while others chose to try another eating location in Klamath Falls.

Most of the guys had other plans for morning. They played with the trains or they took a trip to the mountain peak to view the devastation from the 242 fire that caused evacuation of Train Mountain and several other local areas in 2020. They also checked out the repeater. It was sad to see houses that burned and the endless acres of burned trees. Many of the burned trees have been sold to logging companies.



The Flag Retirement Ceremony on Saturday evening was administered by Ann Morgan. Many of us had never experienced this process. I believe there were approximately 15+ flags that were retired. Ann did a fabulous job at recognizing and involving veterans in her program and explaining how the flags are prepared prior to retiring and what each step represents. There were a total of 33 individuals from Train Mountain and Good Sam members who attended the ceremony.



Another recently planned activity was coordinated by Paul Craft to reach a local peak to make the required contacts for SOTA – Summits on the Air. Bill Elliot and Peter joined Paul on this adventure and they were successful! I'm sure Paul will be providing details. Throughout the campout there was time for people to venture off to Crater Lake or to Collier Logging Museum which was partially open due to fire damage. Collier State Park Campground was also closed due to fire damage.

We had many visitors to our campout this year. Bushes had two co-workers from Longview, Wa camp beside them for two days. The Elliotts' nephews visited from Yreka, Ca. Bill Penn and Elliotts also had some previous neighbors from Leona Valley drop by who have since relocated to Bonanza, Or and another to Bend, Or. The Stewarts had guests from Chico, Ca and also Medford, Or and others that have a place in Chiloquin, Oregon. As you can see, everyone is welcome at our activities. All were happy to see Emmi and her Dad, Vince, join in on the activities. Emmi even got a chance to show Train Mountain to one of her classmates. Did you catch a glimpse of Emmi sitting in front of Dick driving the train? The trains were busy allowing everyone that wanted to experience a train ride and explore the grounds at Train Mountain. Thanks go out to the Eddys, Millers and Ann Morgan for sharing their prized possessions. If I forgot anyone please accept my apologies!

All engines were planned for the Sunday evening Wine Train but plans were modified as one of the engines was put on the injured list. A nearby picnic area by camp served as a perfect location for our happy hour as there were already picnic tables and a porta potty in place and plenty of snacks & drink.

