



Roamin' Catholics Southwest Chapter Newsletter – July 2006

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Message from Our President:

The Hiels' and Goodins' did a great job on the camp out at Alpine. Richard and Ondina did the arrangements and reservations. They were assisted by Betty and Rich who helped plan the activities and did the back up work. They all did a great job and it was a great camp out.

We will have a complete report on the Web Page and in the Newsletter. I do want to mention the lovely chapel where we attended Mass. We were a large part of the congregation even if you counted the dogs that some of the parishioners brought to Mass. The priest was very friendly, wanted to know who we were and where each of us lived. During his homily (Pentecost Sunday), he was saying that each of us should be spreading the Word since we have been touched by the Holy Spirit. He said "These Roamin Catholics they ride their motor cycles." He was quickly corrected to motor homes not motor cycles. I figured the average of the men was 77 so we probably aren't cycle material.

→ → **Sunshine person still needed.** Jack or I have talked to the persons we know have been ill. There may be others we don't know about. We would like to be able to remember all those in our prayers, hence we need a contact person. Sole' Mucino, Ann Miller, Georgia Howard, Richard Hiel and Chuck Hogue are still having medical problems but are doing better.

God Bless, Helen White

National Director's Report – June 2006

The Western Area elections are over, the new officers are: President Tom Ainsley, He will take office in August at the convention

The following officers took office on June 13, 2006 in Lodi at the Executive Board Meeting:

Senior Vice Pres - Bobby Donald	South Area Vice Pres - Rick Ricordati
Secretary - Beverly Hopkins	Central Area Vice Pres - Jack White
Treasurer - Ollie Abbott	North Area Vice Pres - Alice Bernard

There isn't much National news, they are busy preparing for the Convention in Charlotte, N.C. I plan on attending the convention, even though I'm afraid we will melt like butter. My sister lives in Suffolk, VA., so I will have a chance to see her. We will leave in late July.

I will have a convention report when I return. Helen White, National Director

Message from Richard and Ondina Hiel – our Wagon Masters for June 2006 Campout:

A June campout of the Southwest Chapter of Roamin' Catholics was held on the 1st to the 4th of June at the Ma Tar Awa oak grove campgrounds on the Viejas Indian Reservation in east San Diego County. Wagon Masters were Dick and Ondina Hiel. We had a turnout of six rigs and wished we could have had everyone that had expressed an interest be there to enjoy the weekend.

The couples in attendance were: Ben and Donna Avila, Rich and Betty Goodin, Richard and Ondina Hiel, Robert and Gen Perry, Darrel and Gerry Mohr, and Jack and Helen White.

(NOTE: This page is from our RCSW Web Pages – under “Where We’ve Been”)

**Mar Ta Awa Campground, Viejas Indian Reservation,
San Diego, CA - June 1-4, 2006**

The plans for this weekend included camping under beautiful oak trees, Happy Hour the first day when we arrived (some sooner than others), games that challenged our physical abilities and/or our brain power, buffet dinner at the Viejas Indian Casino, potluck dinner with all the specialities of our families, Mass at the Nativity of our Blessed Virgin Mary Parish on the Viejas Indian Mission, followed by a continental breakfast back at our beautiful campsite, and, of course, a hilarious fun evening of singing accompanied by our resident guitarist.

A view inside the church with the pastor that celebrated mass.



Waiting for the bus to the Casino to meet for a great buffet dinner - with the little '21' and some 'slots' on the side.



Relaxing at the campsite. A toast by the our Host and Hostess, Richard and Ondina Hiel, and the hopes that we can meet here again next year.



Some others of God's creatures were also relaxing.



A Little Humor: A couple had been debating buying a vehicle for weeks. He wanted a truck. She wanted a fast little sports-like car so she could zip through traffic around town. He would probably have settled on any beat up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range. “Look!” she said. “I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in just a few seconds. Nothing else will do. My birthday is coming up - so surprise me!”

He did just that. For her birthday, he bought her a brand new bathroom scale. Nobody has seen or heard from him since.

Roamin' Catholics Southwest Campout - Fall 2006
October 19-22 – or – November 2-5

Location of Campout: Santa Barbara, CA. We're setting up camp a little further north to make it a shorter drive for those of you in the northern part of our region.

Two Weekends to Choose From: October 19-22, 2006 or November 2-6, 2006. We'll choose the date with the most attendees by August 15 and let you know right away.

Weekend Plans: When our previous Campouts have been in the planning stages our Chapter leaders have tried to find a 'project' to work on at a California Mission or a school to give of our time and talents to help the community. This fall we have that opportunity. Habitat for Humanity (HfH) has a project in the Santa Barbara area where we can work on their building site. Please understand that this is not a 'requirement' for attending because the most important part of our fun weekend is being together, whether at Sunday Mass, visiting at our potluck dinner, touring the Santa Barbara Mission, or working on the HfH project.

Info about Habitat for Humanity: Friday and Saturday are the work days for groups that come for weekends to help. We've been in touch with Joyce McCullough at HfH in Santa Barbara and she is looking forward to having us help out for a weekend.

Parking Accommodations: At the present time, HfH has lots available without hookups where we can park our rigs. Of course, there will be no charge for these lots. Everyone coming will be parking in these lots whether you are working on the Habitat for Humanity project or not. There is also a possibility that the fairgrounds (which has hookups) may be available for our use. Our contact at Habitat for Humanity is continuing to follow up with the local fairgrounds about this.

Our mileage (or actual expenses) can be deducted on income tax for this trip since we are donating our time for charity. Please check with your tax accountant to get the specifics.

Meal Planning – More specifics will come with the next letter giving actual date.

Thursday Evening arrival – Hearty Appetizers to share (lunch provided by HfH)

Friday - Breakfast on our own – Potluck Dinner at Camp Site (lunch provided by HfH)

Saturday – Breakfast on our own – Dinner at SB restaurant TBD

Sunday – Breakfast provided by Wagon Masters at Camp Site

Jobs that may be needed – per email from Joyce July 7th: “At that point in construction, I hope we'll be doing sheetrock on at least one of the homes, and possibly some tile and finish work. There may be some exterior siding/painting to do on one of the homes. The other two homes will not be as far along in construction, so there may be some plumbing and wiring yet to do. We could set up for your folks that like to garden, ... We have several small planter boxes that will need to be filled with dirt and planted, and are in out-of-the-way locations on the site.”

We've met many of our Chapter members – but not all of you. We do hope to see those of you we've met before and meet many more of you in Santa Barbara.

Ben and Donna Avila, Wagon Masters for Fall Campout

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Please complete the next page for the Campout and return

Please complete this page and mail by August 4 (or email the information) to:

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You can also call us at: 626-446-2466

Please fill in the blanks that apply:

Yes, we are interested in coming to the Roamin' Catholics Southwest Fall 2006 Campout!

October 19-22, 2006 _____ November 2-5, 2006 _____

→ → Please Note: If you are currently available for both weekends, please mark both dates.
We will decide by August 15th on the date with the most attendees and let you know right away.

No – unfortunately we will not be available – but we know we will miss a fun weekend. _____

Name: _____ Phone Number _____

Do you want to be notified of which weekend by email _____ or thru the Post Office mail _____

Email address: _____

Home Address: _____

-----Please respond by: Friday, August 4, 2006-----