

Letter to the Redwood Owners Group (cont'd from pg 1)

am going to have to drop my paper addiction now that I am a turtle). I cannot begin to tell you what we learned. It was remarkable. I wish for every RVer a similar experience, which will certainly go a long way toward a more harmonious RVing experience — and a safer one!

Speaking of safety, since we were such newbies, we didn't realize that we had to sign up for help from the manufacturers who were such an important presence at the rally, like Crossroads RV (Redwood) and Lippert Components and MorRyde and many others; but even though we signed up as the very last ones on all the lists, we received so much help — free and professional adjustments and repairs and constantly agreeable technicians who couldn't do enough to help us.

The next thing I knew, John Alinger was sliding around under my house on big pieces of cardboard installing new Titan-Dexter disc brakes at a great rally price and a MorRyde SE-4000 to give us a much smoother ride (Do you think we were grateful for these as we drove through the Rocky Mountains and up and down the Sierras in and around beautiful Lake Tahoe CA?). My spinning head was trying to take it all in, and Charlie and I felt an energy around us that we hadn't felt in a long time.

All in all, I have to say, we are SO PROUD to be Redwood owners and to be part of this amazing new kind and conscious family we have found.

Thanks to all of you wonderful Redwood owners (all volunteers!) and suppliers, especially Redwood, whose generosity produced this incredible rally. Here's to the 2018 Rally — and a hearty recommendation to all of you newsletter readers to join the ROG and to attend the rally. Let's all support our ROG as it works to support us!

With a turtle heart of gratitude,
Mary Lewis (Charles Phelps)



A Word From Our ROG President, Andy Patterson



With Fall approaching, another summer camping season comes to a close; however, I suspect many of us are already giving some thoughts to next year's travel plan. Wherever you winter, I hope for many of you, it includes a trip through Northern Indiana in mid-July to attend the 2018 National Rally.

Plans for the 2018 Rally are well underway and include:

Dates – The days that include the usual rally activities — presentations, etc.—are Wednesday 18th July to Saturday 21st July (inclusive). However, we are planning activities from July 15th to 22nd.

Costs – I have completed the budget and am pleased to announce that costs will not change from 2017. The rates are
Paid ROG member Early Bird - \$50/person,
Paid ROG member after Early Bird - \$75/person.

Free Members/Non-ROG Members – add \$30 to above rates.

Maintenance Course – Terry & Evada Cooper are confirmed attendees and Terry will be holding his excellent 3-day maintenance course. This will be an additional cost to the rally fee. Still waiting on confirmation of dates, but pencil in July 12/13/14. Check out their website <http://mobilervacademy.com/> (2018 courses not yet listed). Reviews from previous classes were excellent, so please consider joining me, as I am definitely signing up for the course.

Dinners – The ROG is again hosting catered dinners on Wednesday & Thursday. Wednesday will be burgers & hot dogs and Thursday chicken & ribs.

Vendors – All vendors have been contacted and most have confirmed attendance or at least an interest in returning.

AM meet & greet – We will again start every morning with fresh donuts, you bring the tea or coffee

Ladies' Program – A program for the ladies is being organised, with a goal of having an daily activity. These activities will be an additional cost to the rally fee.

Campground – Shishewana South Park (260-768-4669). They are open until the end of October, then re-open again in February. Please call to reserve your site and mention you are attending the Redwood Rally. Do not book online, as no discounts are available.

ROG Registration – We will shortly start developing the online registration, which should be available before the end of December. Registration is a 2-step process – register with the campground for a site and complete the online ROG rally registration.



A Note from Tim Cress at Redwood

ROG Members,

It's been a few months now since our summer rally in Topeka where I mentioned the workings of new floor plans. The time has come, and we have released 3 new floor plans to our dealer body. The overall dealer response was extremely positive. Most can't wait to get the new product rolling onto their lots. My sales team and I have been working diligently with our dealers to ensure that the right floor plans are placed in the upcoming winter RV shows.

The first release was the Executive Suite. This floor plan is a result of the feedback from current and potential Redwood Owners. For quite some time you have been asking for a place to spread out your work and not have to put it away when someone comes over or when it's time to eat. The Executive Suite offers owners a room to work remotely, set up that craft room, consult on businesses back home or simply organize the monthly paperwork that never seems to end. It features a large desk, printer station, overhead storage with dividers and a glass door with sidelights and transom windows above to keep you from feeling confined in your office. The best part about this floor plan is that it doesn't sacrifice the benefits of your Redwood Dream Kitchen and living area with 55" TV. Only a handful of these have hit dealers' lots. You will begin seeing these at the winter RV shows.

By popular demand the Front Living Room has been brought back to the Redwood line up. This new floor plan has a huge 65" Ultra HD TV in the raised front living room. I wanted to offer an island in the kitchen rather than a peninsula to allow a smoother flow throughout the kitchen. Placement of the washer and dryer in the bedroom allowed me to offer owners the same great large 48" walk in shower. Outdoor space was also kept in mind when building this floor plan. You will have the benefit of 2 large awnings for ample outdoor entertaining.

Our final addition to this year's line up is our variation of a rear kitchen. You will find a large window on the rear of the coach located behind the sink with overhead cabinets on both sides. The pantry with pull out drawers is located on the rear wall and has more than enough storage to last you several weeks. The island is more along the lines of a large buffet. Below this buffet you will find our newly incorporated beverage center. This beverage center can also be found in the wine bar (RW3901WB). It will replace the smaller wine cooler. I've also put a twist on the bath deck in this floor plan. The bathroom vanity isn't quite as big as the one we have in the RW3901WB and RW3901MB but it's the next best thing. The rear kitchen will have the same slide in slide feature that the Redwood product introduced to buyers a few years back has. I'm hoping that this floor plan will provide enough unique features that interest new buyers to become a part of the ROG.

My team and I look forward to meeting with you either at the Tampa Super Show or in your current local RV Show. I'm always open to feedback so please walk the new floor plans and share your feedback with the Redwood Regional Sales Managers.

Sincerely,

Tim Cress
Redwood Product Manager





SOUP'S ON!

I don't know about in your Redwood, but here in ours, the cool weather brings thoughts of our favorite soups and stews, a piece of crusty French bread or maybe cornbread and maybe a bite of pie that is warm from the oven.....Yum!

This soup is one of our favorites and was shared with me by a friend who loves to cook, and enjoys trying out new recipes. Each of the recipes that she has shared has become a family favorite, and this one is no exception. One of the wonderful things about this recipe is its versatility. The Italian sausage can be pork or turkey, or hot sausage, or you can use another meat. The vegetables can be changed about, possibly mushrooms added or spinach, leave out the tomatoes, using all broth instead. The red wine adds a delicious depth, but is not necessary. This is one of those soups that you can "shop from your cupboard" and create your own version of Tortellini Soup.

Tortellini Soup

- 1# Mild Italian Sausage, bulk or with casings removed
- 1 Large Onion, diced
- 2 Cloves Garlic, minced
- 3 Cans (10 ½ oz.) of Beef Broth
- 2 Cans Diced Tomatoes with Basil
- 1 Cup Red Wine
- 1 16 oz. Can Tomato Sauce
- 2 Carrots, cut up
- 1 Tbsp. Sugar
- 2 Zucchini, sliced (not too thin)
- 12 oz. Package of Refrigerated Tortellini

Parmesan Cheese, grated or shredded, optional

- ⇒ Using a Dutch oven or stockpot, brown the sausage with the onion and garlic over med. heat; then drain the fat.
- ⇒ Add the broth, diced tomatoes, wine, tomato sauce, carrots and sugar. Bring to a boil, reduce the heat and simmer for 30 minutes. You may need to skim a bit more fat off after the 30 minutes.
- ⇒ Stir in the zucchini and the tortellini. Cook about 10 minutes, until tortellini is done. If you decided to use dried tortellini rather than the refrigerated, you may need to cook the soup a bit longer.

Serve with Parmesan cheese if desired, some warm crusty French bread and enjoy!



5-Minute Tip

Emergencies: Fire, Floods, Hurricanes, Tornadoes, Medical and those are just a few on the list.

Let's take 5 minutes (if you haven't already) and set up a spot to house **Emergency** information -- a spot that is easily and quickly accessed. Some families use a notebook that sits out, some use a chalkboard, some use a whiteboard, some use a large post-it note. Having a spot that does not change, so that everyone can find it immediately is important. Quite a few of us move on a regular and frequent basis. Updating this emergency information should become part of our "set-up" when we arrive at a new spot.

Some good general information to post on your *Emergency Information Area*:

- The street address of the spot that you are staying. Some people like to use the coordinates of the place that they are at. Should you need to call 911, they will need that address.
- The name of the park, resort, etc. is helpful to have.
- Find out the *nearest emergency shelter, and the address and phone number of that shelter.

Other numbers to have on hand might be the Poison Control Hotline, Police, Fire Department, your Doctor or medical help.

** We experienced this last week. We had a tornado warning, the sirens went off, but this park does not have a shelter, or a bathhouse. We learned from a neighbor that we were to go to the town's City Hall, to the basement. The community uses this area as their emergency shelter. New to the area, we did not know where City Hall was, just that it was in their downtown area. Thankfully, a kind 911 operator helped as we could not get quick cell coverage on our phones.*

While you are setting up this information area, it might be a good time to check the place that you keep your personal emergency information. Does it need updating? There are numerous sites online to remind us of the items of information that we need to have available on a personal emergency sheet. The following web address at the Mayo Clinic site is a good place to begin.

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/first-aid/emergency-health-information/basics/art-20134333>

Let's not forget our pets! The number of a local Veterinarian and Emergency Animal Clinic are also essential additions to that list.

The recent hurricanes and fires have reminded us to also be aware of emergency exit routes that might be needed.

The past several months we have seen numerous emergencies here in North America, in areas that we travel to. It not only gives us peace of mind to have essential emergency information available, it can truly save lives. Be safe, be proactive.

Take that 5 minutes!

Did you know that the Redwood Owner's Group (ROG) has an online Forum? Have you visited it? There is an abundance of information to be found there. It is a perfect place to ask questions (remember, there are no dumb questions), to see what modifications other Redwood owners are making, to find out what is happening at Redwood, as well as chatting with other Redwood owners. You can find the Forum at: <https://www.redwoodrvowners.com/>

Letter from your Editors

HELP WANTED

Your newsletter, THE HYPERION, is seeking help. This is your newsletter, and as such, it should reflect you and your interests. We would like feedback from you, the readers, and help.

First, what would you enjoy reading about in this newsletter? Are we adding articles of interest or are we way off base?

Our goal is to get THE HYPERION out on a quarterly basis. Is this too often, does it add "just one more thing" that you now have to read/look at/file?

Next, we need articles from YOU.

We are not asking for professional writing, but for bits and pieces, in your own words. Do you full-time? Part time? Where do you winter? Do you have a favorite campground? Where is it? Why is it a favorite? We would love some campground reviews, with photos would be lovely. Do you travel with a pet? We would love to meet your pet via the newsletter. Do you have a hobby that you pursue on the road? Tell us about it.....we are interested, really! Humorous stories, tender stories, outrageous stories of your life on the road. Driving routes! Have you found one to avoid, or one to use? Sharing these things helps us all. Would you like to add a technical tip, maintenance tip, recipe or kitchen tip? We would love for you to share.

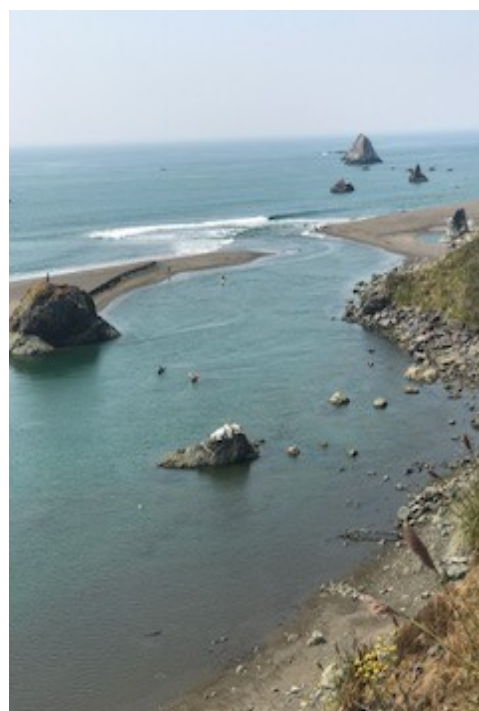
We think that you get the idea..... You can send your tips, articles, helps, photos, etc. to: newsletter@redwoodrvowners.com . Just add HYPERION idea or article to the subject line. We are looking forward to hearing your stories and ideas, meeting your pets and getting to know one another a bit better.

Thank You!

Your Editors, Debbie Biggs and Mary Lewis

CAMPGROUND REVIEW

CALISTOGA RV PARK AT THE NAPA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN CALISTOGA, CA



We recently stayed at this campground while visiting friends and family in the area. The thing that is most special about it is its prime location -- within long-walking distance from downtown Calistoga where visitors find amazing restaurants, spa-baths, hot springs, even mud baths. It's right in the middle of the wine country with lots of vineyard and wine-tasting tours available. Charlie's favorite perk was a nine-hole golf course accessed through the open-fence gate from our campsite.

Calistoga is less than an hour's drive from the beautiful Sonoma California coast and is close to many of the Russian River activities and resorts. The whole area is primed for enjoyment and for the quiet beauty of the river, the mountains, vineyards, and rocky ocean views (with some beaches accessible). It's a great area to be right in the middle of -- the most incredible spot being the estuary where the Russian River flows into the Pacific Ocean near Jenner, CA.

The campground has a prime row of back-in shaded 50 amp sites and a row of partially shaded 50 amp pull through sites, with lots of 30 amp sites that are not in the shade. It is a busy park because of all of the local activity, so reservations need to be made ahead.

Please note that at the time of writing, Calistoga RV Park had not closed due to the fires in the area.

TAKING THE REDWOOD TO THE REDWOODS

Probably one of the first things that attracted me to our 5th wheel was the name Redwood and its redwood tree motif. Being a great lover of redwood trees, I believe that any owners of a Redwood who find themselves in Northern California will want to travel the Avenue of the Giants, a 31-mile country road through magnificent redwood groves, in order to meet for the first time (or to eagerly revisit) the ancient trees for which their 5th wheels are named.

We camped at Giant Redwoods RV and Campground at Myers Flat, which, though too small to accommodate 40' rigs (we barely squeezed in at 35'), provided convenient access to the trees for picnics and hikes and simply sitting to be with and admire as you would admire fine art in a gallery. There are other parks in the area that are roomy enough for the bigger units, however.

Not wanting to leave the redwoods but needing some coast time, we drove a short distance north to Eureka and found the perfect campground for bigger RVs — Shoreline RV Park. From that super-convenient location, we explored the area, first going to Samoa Beach and eating a lumber-camp-style feast (no kidding!) at Samoa Cookhouse, the last surviving lumber mill cookhouse in the West.

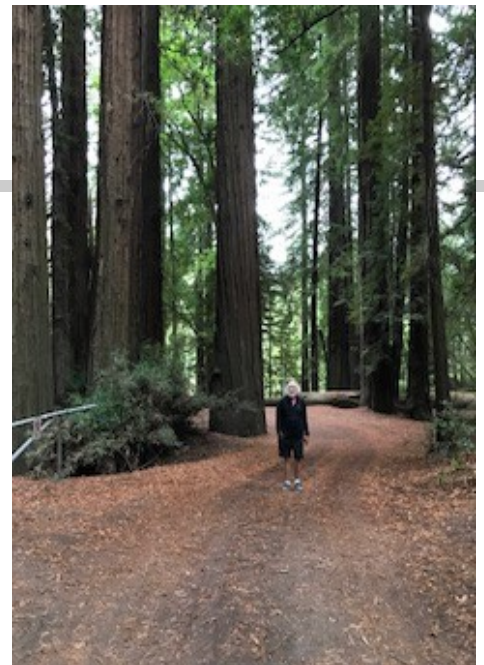
Lots of people were talking about the fun of going north to Agate Beach (in Trinidad at Patrick's Point State Park) at low tide and hunting for agates. So the next morning we headed north to Trinidad with our nylon bags. At the end of two hours, we staggered back (lugging our heavy treasures) to a washed up log for a short rest before hunting a place to eat lunch.



Boy, did we hit the food jackpot again — The Lighthouse Grill. Among all-local menu items is a savory cornmeal waffle cone filled with mashed potatoes, cheese, bacon, slow-cooked brisket, and gravy. I cannot begin to describe the goodness of this wonder, but let's just say that no supper was required that evening.

One last southbound ride through the Avenue of the Giants, a few final pull-over stops to soak up the silence and awe, and a few caresses of these “ambassadors from another time,” as John Steinbeck called the redwoods, and we were soon headed down our next trail.

Mary Lewis, September, 2017

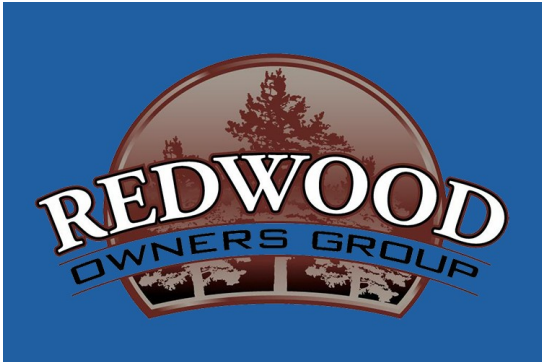


“They’s something kindo’ harty-like about the atmsfere
 When the heat of summer’s over and the coolin’ fall is here—
 Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossums on the trees,
 And the mumble of the hummin’-birds and buzzin’ of the bees;
 But the air’s so appetizin’; and the landscape through the haze
 Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airy autumn days
 Is a pictur’ that no painter has the colorin’ to mock—
 When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder’s in the shock.
 (Excerpt from “When the Frost Is on the Punkin” by James Whitcomb
 Riley, 1849-1916)

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The mission of the Redwood Owners Group (ROG) is

- *to bring together Redwood Residential RV Enthusiasts; owners, Redwood employees and dealers,*
- *to foster an environment for sharing knowledge, expertise and ideas to enhance the Redwood lifestyle and support its family of owners in having a more meaningful experience with their recreational vehicle, and*
- *to facilitate opportunities for owners to meet, travel and socialize amongst themselves.*

The "Hyperion" is the name of a coastal redwood in Northern California, which is the world's tallest known living tree.

*Working together to
share knowledge and fellowship!*

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Amazon Affiliate Program

When purchasing products at Amazon, you can now support your ROG, at no additional cost. We have noted many members on the forum have made reference to products at Amazon, even providing helpful links to those items. Researching Amazon, we found, among others, the Amazon Affiliate Program. This program requires that we create a link from our website to their website. We have elected a very understated link which is located on our ROG forum Main Menu. This is currently located at the top of the left side-bar. You will not find any additional references to Amazon, or advertisements on the website or forum.

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