

# Golden Spike Rally Signup-Willits/Ferndale

**Tuesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

\$15 per person      # people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 people on rally = \$30)

**Campground:** Golden Rule RV Park, 16100 N. Hwy 101 Willits, Ca. 95490  
(707) 459-2958 <http://www.goldenrulervpark.com>

\$90 for 3 nights: [May 22<sup>nd</sup> – May 25<sup>th</sup>]      \$ 90

Skunk Train Ride (4+ hours)

\$84 per person      # people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$84 =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 people: Skunk = \$168)

Box Lunch (Turkey sandwich, apple, cookie, water)

\$8 per person      # people \_\_\_\_\_ x \$8 =      \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 people: Lunch = \$16)

**Campground:** Humboldt County Fairgrounds, 1250 5th Street. **Ferndale, CA 95536**  
1-707-786-9511 <http://humboldtcountyfair.org/rv-park/>

\$112 for 4 nights: [May 25<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>]      \$ 112

**Total** (2 people 7 nights + Skunk Train + Lunch) = \$416:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*\*\* REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 13, 2018 \*\*\*\*\*

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_ FMCA# \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

RV: Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ ft. # Slides \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **FMCA Golden Spike**  
**Mail to: Ken Carnes, 1326 Monte Verde Ave, Upland CA 91786**  
(FIRE.KENNY@GMAIL.COM, 951-966-3251)

**Bostwick, Paul & Carol [#34]**

Anaheim, CA  
**Expedition 40 ft. 2 Slides**  
714-240-8105, cabpb@earthlink.net

**Paul & Carol  
Bostwick**



**Buck, Ed & Nancy [#30]**

Upland, CA  
**Tiffin Allegro Bus 36 ft. 4 Slides**  
Cell: 951-966-3251, nbuck@juno.com

**Corrigan, John & Anne [#5]**

Ventura, CA  
**5<sup>th</sup> Wheel 28 ft. 2 Slides**  
510-276-9118, johanne@sti.net



**Dullea, Bob & Susan [#11]**

Lompac, CA  
**Newmar 32 ft. 2 Slides**  
805-350-1614, fairwayrobert@gmail.com  
805-733-1715, solvangsusan@gmail.com



**Gardner, George & Kay [#32]**

Coursegold, CA  
**Tiffin Allegro 37 ft. 4 Slides**  
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559-580-9564, coursegoldkg@gmail.com



**Gohl, Jay & Ruthie [#31]**

Manteca, CA  
**Bounder 37 ft. 1 Slides**  
209-612-0262, gohl1660@comcast.net



**Jones, Art & Kandi [#8]**

Folsom, CA  
**Tiffin Phaeton 36 ft. 4 Slides**  
916-765-9309, arts57gto@yahoo.com  
916-719-6258, kandis57@yahoo.com



**Simon, Kurt & Betty [#35]**

Auburn, CA 95602  
**Monaco Executive 45 ft. 4 Slides**  
530-305-0265, kurtstimon@gmail.com  
530-863-3478 (Betty)



**StJohn, Dan & Betsy [#12]**

Nevada City, CA  
**Provan Bengal Tiger 22 ft. 0 Slides**  
530-277-0686, bdstjohn66@gmail.com  
510-407-2305, bdstjohn@yahoo.com



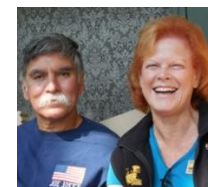
**Swan, Quentin & Lyn [#10]**

La Crescenta, CA  
**Beaver 34 ft. 0 Slides**  
818-497-4367, qswan@ix.netcom.com



**Tennyson/Cruz, Carol/Leonard [#6]**

Westminister, CA  
**Bounder 33 ft. 2 Slides**  
714-315-8012, FLAME3977@GMAIL.COM



**Watts, Vern & Sue [#33]**

Cerritos, CA  
**Phaeton 40 ft. 4 Slides**  
562-233-1273, order.4sue@yahoo.com  
sueandvern@gmail.com



## **Tuesday, May 22nd**

2:00 Arrive, setup camp, socialize

4:00 Happy hour: Heavy Appetizers to share, Golden Spike introductions

Rally orientation, RV Stories, Jokes

## **Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Skunk Train & Buffet Lunch**

### **Wear your GS Shirt**

Breakfast on your own

9:15 Car Pool to [Skunk Train](#)

9:45 Northspur Flyer (diesel) to Noyo River Canyon

Buffet Lunch in the Canyon (vegetarian options available)

2:00 Return to RV Park, afternoon free

4:30 Happy Hour, appetizers to share

5:30 Car Pool to Lumberjacks for 6:00 dinner

## **Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Roots of Motive Power**

7:45 Breakfast (breakfast casserole, bring your own coffee)

9:30 Carpool to [Roots of Motor Power Museum](#)

10:00 Docent Tour of Museum

12:00 Picnic lunch: sandwich, water, apple & cookie at Museum

1:00 Continue tour of Museum; return to RV Park at 3:00

4:00 Happy Hour RV Park- appetizers to share

5:00 Dinner on your own Downtown Willits

## **Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup> – Relocate to Ferndale**

8:00 Breakfast (Continental Breakfast; bring your own coffee)

Relocate to Ferndale Fairgrounds for Kinetics Olympics Rally

2:00 Set up camp in Fairgrounds (they will take you when you arrive).

Sierra Ramblers will also be camping in the Fairgrounds.

4:00 Happy hour: Heavy Appetizers to share, Rally orientation



## **Willits and Ferndale with Skunks and Stuff**

### **Arrive May 22<sup>nd</sup>; Relocate May 25<sup>th</sup> Leave May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

Golden Rule RV Resort, Willits & Humbolt Co Fairgrounds, Ferndale

Rally Masters: George and Kay Gardner (559-580-9569)



## **Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>**

Breakfast on your own

9:00 Car Pool to Arcata

10:00 Inspect Kinetic Olympics entries; talk with participants

12:00 Start of Race; lunch on your own in Arcata

Afternoon: watch race on your own; hilly dunes

5:00 Pitch-in Dinner: Bring assigned salad, vegetable or dessert

8:00 Ferndale Playhouse CHICAGO

## **Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> Wear your GS Shirt**

Breakfast on your own

9:00 Car Pool to watch water portion of Kinetic Olympics

12:00 Free time – lunch on your own

1:30 [Timber Heritage Museum](#) with speeder rides; Docent tour of Museum

5:00 [Samoa Cook House Dinner](#)

## **Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Wear your patriotic Clothes**

8:00 Breakfast (Pancakes, eggs and sausage, bring your own coffee)

10:00 Ferndale Memorial Day Parade

12:00 lunch on your own in Ferndale

1:30 Tour Historic Ferndale vintage homes

4:00 Happy Hour RV Park- appetizers to share

5:00 Taco Night

## **Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> – Bon Voyage**

8:00 Breakfast (Continental Breakfast; bring your own coffee)

Bon Voyage! Safe Travels

Willits/Ferndale

June 2018

May began in San Diego and ended in Willits and Ferndale. From May 22 – 29<sup>th</sup> George and Kay Gardner led us on a Bactrian (two humped) rally. We started in Willits where we stayed near Seabiscuit at the Golden Rule RV park. While we didn't visit his grave, we drove by his ranch each day as we enjoyed the area. We rode the Skunk Train from Willits (diesel) half way to Fort Bragg where we enjoyed a buffet lunch provided by the train personnel. It was a lovely ride through the redwood forest. Along one stretch we traveled 8 miles on the rails and only accomplished one mile as the crow flies. The ride was gentle, smooth and peaceful. In both directions we were entertained by a troubadour who sang requested RR songs to our hearts content! The staff was friendly and knowledgeable and we enjoyed passing the old logging camps along the way. The steam train is only available from Fort Bragg so we will have to rally again and ride from that direction. A couple of years ago there was a tunnel collapse; that has been repaired and the right of way is clear. The train will again start running this summer after the tunnel repair has a chance to complete its settling period.

We spent the next day at the Roots of Motive Power museum/collection in Willits. This is an enthusiastic group of volunteers who are collecting, restoring, operating and enjoying every form of steam power they can find. Browse our pictures and be amazed at the locomotion, travel, excavation and construction equipment that they have. They entertained us the whole day and we shared out picnic lunch with them. They gave us a ride (diesel) on their train loop and told us stories of their collection and its history. The volunteers were as interesting as the equipment they loved. They had a working 6-cylinder diesel log puller. They were running and tuning it while we visited. This is the only remaining working version of this equipment. It operates at top RPM of 300; slow and steady wins the race. As they adjusted the valves with their wrenches, we could hear the improvement in performance. The weekend after Labor Day they have Steam Up event for the public (free) and they run all their equipment; including the ditch digger which has its origins in the jungles of Panama where its cousins dug in the 20<sup>th</sup> century mud so that we can consume all our 21<sup>st</sup> century Chinese made products! Great place, visit it sometime!

From Willits we (absent Jan and Ruthie Gohl, who nursed their disabled rig back to Manteca) traveled through the Avenue of the Giants to Ferndale and our camping at the Fairgrounds. Betsy and I took the long way; not only through the Giant Redwoods but also along the Lost Coast. That was an experience. While it was a highway it was NOT. The maximum speed limit anywhere along the route was 40, but it was only occasionally that we exceeded 10 mph! There were miles of switchbacks getting up and over various ridges and only occasional signs of civilization. Most rigs took 2+ hours to get to the Fairgrounds; Betsy and I arrived after 6 hours to a collection of phone and text messages wanting to know if we were OK. Cell service only reappeared within 1 mile of Ferndale; even when we could see the town as we descended from the Lost Coast, we could not 'connect' to the cellular network. On top of that, it rained all day. But, the next three days were beautiful! George charmed the Fairgrounds into loaning us a room for the weekend (even though they didn't know it) and we lived in the manner that we have become accustomed.

We interspersed a visit to the Timber Heritage Museum and the Samoa Cook House with chasing exotic Kinetic Sculptures around the square (Arcata), over the sand dunes, under the water in the Bay (Eureka), across the river (Eel) and through the town (Ferndale). The smiling, happy faces that left Arcata on Saturday turned to focused, exhausted bodies as they finished three days later in Ferndale. They all stayed the last night with us in the Fairgrounds and we got to hear their stories and enjoy their company. The Sierra Rambler Chapter was also in Ferndale, but they did not have the fun that we did! Browse the pictures on our website and be amazed at the collection of wonderful, artsy inventions that made the trip. It was amazing; a great way to spend Memorial Day. Monday there was a Ferndale Parade and a trip to the cemetery for a very thoughtful, moving tribute to fallen soldiers.

While in Ferndale we all went to the Musical Chicago playing in town. It was very well done and a great addition to our activities. As usual we had pot luck with pasta entrees, tasty sides and great desserts (check the recipes for the Whiskey Sauce that Carol Boswick tried to teach her husband, Paul, to make (we got HER

efforts, not his). The next meal was Taco Night and no one left hungry; we even had a Red/White/Blue dessert: Strawberries, Bananas and Blueberries! The Fairgrounds prepared each of us a gift basket of local treats (initially they thought they were hosting the Bus Nuts, but soon realized that they weren't coming until September and that it was the Golden Spike that were celebrating on Memorial Day). This was Rhododendron season in Ferndale and were we ever treated to the largest (size and number) collection of flowering bushes anywhere to be seen (check our pictures!) The entire town of Ferndale is a National Historic Heritage site (all the buildings) and they were exemplary for sure. These buildings were interesting and well maintained. The merchants had their shops open for us and we were able to stroll the streets and enjoy their offerings. Much 'shopping' was enjoyed by all.

The Timber Heritage Museum was a marvelous collection of Locomotives, train cars, cabooses and lumber harvesting equipment. Again, enthusiastic volunteers took pride in leading us around their site. They fired up a diesel (rather George and Carol fired up the diesel) and putted it out of the garage and back again. The 'Museum' (they are working on that status, officially) has several working locomotives (in addition to the diesel), one undergoing restoration in Pennsylvania. They are working mightily to get a tourist train running in the Eureka area. There is track and interest; just a bunch of hurdles to cross. The Eureka business community is eager for all this to come together so more of us will come and visit (and spend our money)!

Thank you, George and Kay, and all that attended; we all had fun.