

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Trail Along to Pismo" Vintage Trailer Rally 2009

*A Brief Review*

We came together to celebrate a common interest -- the love of vintage trailers at the 2nd Annual "Trail Along to Pismo" Vintage Trailer Rally 2009. In doing so, we hoped to promote the restoration and preservation of our "gems" and endeavored to provide a social climate of relaxation, recreation and respect for the caretakers (trailerites). With 215 vintage trailers (plus nine or ten more across the street), we were able to travel the road to yesteryear. We enjoyed and experienced many activities; participation in each activity was optional and at each participant's personal leisure. All the work was planned, funded and provided by volunteers.

The Pismo Coast Village Resort ([www.pismocoastvillage.com](http://www.pismocoastvillage.com)) was and is a highly-valued partner in this event; and we thank them, once again, for their full support and user-friendly environment. Also, thank you to Steve Hingtgen of Vintage Trailer Supply ([www.vintagetrailersupply.com](http://www.vintagetrailersupply.com)) for his interest and donations to our rally.

Trailerites traveled to this beautiful location from Washington, Oregon, northern and southern California, Utah, Hawaii, New Mexico, Arizona and Texas. The majority of us came early and many stayed on after the rally to enjoy the area and events that took place at and around Pismo Beach. A wonderful combination of newbies and experienced trailerites came together to share their trailer stories and history, restoration tidbits (the good, the bad, and the ugly), tow vehicles, and everything and anything else of interest. New friendships were formed, and old friendships were renewed.

Kite flying (thanks, Sherry and Charlie). Vintage bowling (thanks, Rod & Karinne). Riotous laughter. Wonderful omelet breakfast (thanks, Larrie & Lynn and team). Door/raffle prizes (thanks, Bob & Cindy). Huge open house (thanks, everyone). Woodie car club drive through. Trailer trash happy hour (thanks, Team Milty). More door prizes (thanks, Mike K.). Movies (thanks, Chris H.). Helms bakery truck visitation (thanks, Brad & Wally). Donuts (thanks, Team Milty). Tumbleweed celebration (thanks, Andy & Mary). Various birthdays celebrated at various campsites. A "too shiny" trailer protest. A few tea parties. And the list goes on and on . . .

Here is a sampling of what some folks thought about this year's rally:

*. . . Thanks so much again for the amazing weekend. We appreciate how much effort goes into planning this event. . .*

*I had a wonderful time as did everyone I know. I'm looking forward to next year!*

*Thank you, once again, for putting on such a well organized and enjoyable gathering. It really is something special - and we look forward to returning next year.*

*I talked to more people today that came down and toured the event and they were blown away at the number of trailers and the variety of trailers. I think many were impressed with the friendly atmosphere and how much fun we were all having.*

*I just want to say thank you for a wonderful time. I have not seen anything so well organized and fun to attend. The booklet was great and it let us know what was going on all the time. I loved the list showing the sites along with names. The raffle was nice, the breakfast was great. Again my husband and I want to thank all of you that [were] involved in making this a great event. Please pass this on to the others who helped also. Job well done.*

*. . . just wanted to say what a great time we have at this event and can't wait for 2010.*

*We had so much fun and you can tell that . . . put alot for work into this event. Everyone is so nice and helpful . . .*

*. . . Thank you for putting on such a wonderful rally. We had a great time. I know how much time it takes to put on something of this magnitude and it is greatly appreciated. . .*

*The vintage trailer rally was great fun and we look forward to joining the fun next year. We look forward to checking out all the photos.*

*Thanks again to you and the other organizers for a great weekend event. I know this takes a lot of time and effort that doesn't get recognized and I certainly hope you enjoy doing it as I know everyone enjoys participating.*

*Just a darn good meet; we had a great time. . .*

*Just a quick note to say thank you for a wonderful Rally! You guys put on a class act and the park was great. I know it takes a lot of planning and effort to pull off an event like that and please say thank you to all the people that helped . . . Can't wait until next year!*

*Thanks for putting on a great event! You guys really out did yourselves! It was a real vacation for me, I didn't have to cook at all!*

*I had a fabulous . . . fun time at the Vintage Trailer Rally!! I especially enjoyed the trailer movies and all the socializing . . .*

*It was a fine gathering and certainly the Best of Shows.*

*We were staying at Pismo Coast last week and enjoyed your vintage trailers. Everyone was very friendly and we had a great trip down Memory Lane. Do you have the dates for your 2010 rally? We want to make sure that we have our reservations as early as possible.*

*Big thanks to you Toni, Bob & Cindy, & Mike for a terrific weekend. You put on a bang-up rally.*

*Just a note to thank you for a job well done. Looking forward to next year. The best rally ever . . .*

*Thanks for another GREAT rally!*

Well, enough of this and that . . . and to those who wrote or called, we appreciate your thoughts.

**Happy trailering!**

(Mark your calendars for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “Trail Along to Pismo” Vintage Trailer Rally: May 13 – 16, 2010).

Check out these sites for pictures, videos and home movies of this year’s rally:

<http://good-times.webshots.com/album/572171308jrjofQ>

<http://picasaweb.google.com/toni.grove/Movies>

<http://www.shutterfly.com/pro/LovenProductions/TrailAlongToPismo>

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