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LIVING LIFE NATURALLY

Tidbits from Cally, Natures Proud Cat!

What a time we have been having! In just a few short weeks we have done so many things and had so much fun. I sure hope that I can remember everything!



- The 10th Annual Beer and Brats was a huge success once again. The weather tried to spoil things, but when the sprinkles started we just moved the bar inside! There was a huge selection of beers & wines which we all enjoyed tasting. Many thanks to Ken, Janet and all their helpers for the great organization as well as the speedy clean up afterwards. Also thanks to everyone who brought local beers and wines from their summer homes up north.
- What a great celebration! David, Lot 57, turned 90 and Rose organized cake and ice cream in the clubhouse so that we could all wish him a happy birthday. Congratulations David!
- Build it and they will fill it! Or so it seems! The owners built a new storage area, well over twice the size of the previous shed, for the garage sale items - and we managed to fill it! Together with a large group of helpers, Steve & Sue and Greg & Rainy organized the garage sale.

The first day was in the clubhouse and netted around \$900. The next day the garage sale was moved to Monte Cristo Road and sales amounted to over \$1,000 making a record breaking grand total of \$2,041.90. Unsold items were taken to Monte Alto for distribution. Many thanks to everyone who donated and/or bought items and to the organizers and helpers all of whom helped to make this such a successful money raiser!

- Before anyone had a chance to put more items into the new garage sale shed, Lightning Speed Steve, Lot 71, built sturdy shelves along the walls. These shelves will be marked so that people will know where to place their donations, instead of them being dumped just inside the door! Hopefully this will make the storage shed more organized and easier for our amazing garage sale volunteers to sort through when we have our next sale in March. Many thanks to Steve for his quick work!
- Our Veteran's Day Dance was well attended. Besides providing a good mix of dancing music, DJ Cassandra & Jack also had a very touching ceremony to honor our veterans, including those who have passed on. We thank our veterans for their service to our country and to us. Thanks also to Jack & Cassandra for organizing this special evening.

- We had another successful blood drive. There were 18 donors signed up, who gave 14 units of whole blood and 2 units of double red blood. Thank you to all who donated or attempted to donate. This is truly a life saving effort on your part and you should all be very proud of yourselves. Thanks to Ken for organizing the blood drive.
- On November 9th we all gathered in the Memorial Garden to celebrate Nick's life and say goodbye to him. Toni shared a number of stories of their amazing life together, and many of us placed a stone or shell next to his memorial plaque. Tears and laughter were shared as we watched a video of photos of their 61 years together. Good bye Nick. We will never forget you.
- To show Toni that she was "covered in love", the quilting group made her a quilt with each of the squares depicting a special aspect of her life with Nick. The quilt was given to Toni just prior to Nick's Celebration of Life.
- dumpster diving as he was spending a lot of time in the dumpster area. When I investigated I saw that he had made the most awesome recycle container for cardboard. Thank you so much Steve! It's good to know that all our cardboard will be recycled rather than being added to the landfill.

That's all from me! We're having a purrrfectly wonderful time! Wish you were here!



Monte Alto Christmas Giving

Monte Alto is a little town about 5 miles north of us on Rt. 88. Many years ago we made contact with social workers who know the families in that area and know which are in need. Each Christmas we adopt a number of these families and try to make their Christmas a fun and happy time by giving each family a huge box of food plus a couple of gifts for all the children up to and including middle-school age.

Those who have delivered the food and gifts in previous years bring back joyous stories of how the gifts and food are received, and they were also touched by how little some of these families have. This reminds us of how fortunate we are to be in a position to help them.

This year once again we will be adopting a number of Monte Alto families with a total of approximately 25 children. Boxes will be placed in the clubhouse for non-perishable food items as well as toiletries. A folder will also be placed in the clubhouse with the names and ages of the children in 'our' families together with their wish lists and their clothing sizes.

We are trusting that our caring Natures Family will come through just as they have in the past, and that we will be able to give each family a supply of food and

toiletries and each child some nice gifts for Christmas. In the giving spirit of Christmas, please buy a couple of extra items each week when you do your food shopping, and if you would like to purchase a gift for one of the children, please write your name next to the item. Thank you for generosity!

December Special Events

- 1st Open Mike Night** 7:00 p.m.
- 3rd Breakfast** 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- 5th Dance** 7 p.m. Music by Stephen May Country Knights. Hosts: Barry & Peggy
- 7th Craft Fair** 9 a.m. - 12 noon. This is a great time to do some early Christmas shopping.
- 8th Fall Barbeque** 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Please sign up. \$5.00 Hosts: Greg & Rainy and Sue & Steve
- 10th Breakfast** 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- 17th Members Meeting** 9:00 a.m. If you are in the park, you are a member and are encouraged to attend. Complimentary coffee & donut.
- 18th Breakfast** Biscuits & Gravy 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
Open Mike Night 7 p.m.
- 19th Dance** 7 p.m. Music by Bottom Line
- 22nd Gift Exchange** 7 p.m. Hosts: Jan & Steve

- 24th Christmas Wine & Cheese** 7 p.m. Hosts: Tom & Kat
- 25th Christmas Dinner** Hosts: Dave & Sue
- 31st Dance** 8:30 p.m. Music by Time Machine. Hosts: Ken & Terry
- 1/1/17 New Year's Day Levee** 12 noon. Hosts: Steve & Julie.

Weekly Activities

- Bingo:** Sales: 6:15 p.m. Friday
Sales close: 6:45 p.m.
Bingo starts: 7:00 p.m.
- Campfire:** 5 p.m. Friday
- Crafting:** 12:30 p.m. Friday
- Country Dance Practice:** 7 p.m. Tuesday
- Exercise:** 8:30 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
- Hand & Foot:** 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday
- Happy Hour:** 4 p.m. Wednesday
- Mexican Train:** 6:45 p.m. Wednesday
- Petanque:** 2 p.m. Everyday
- Texas Hold'em:** 10:00 a.m. Saturday
- Water Volleyball:** 2 p.m. Every Day
- Wii Bowling:** 4 p.m. Monday