

## Welcome Lazy Dazers To Lake Perris

March 2013

#### We had two washer toss tournaments for February.

The regular tournament was won by Claude Potts and Ruth Carter with Terry Tanner and Bill Surbrook coming in second. We had 23 teams.

The second tournament was Moon Light Madness II which we held Saturday evening at 7 PM by moon-light. Following is some narrative on the event. Photos are not available due to darkness.

John Mailliard held his second Moon Light Madness Washer Toss tournament on Saturday night after a five year dry spell from Parker Arizona in 2008.

Sixteen teams played in the tournament and all players selected their own partners. Peer pressure forced most players to choose their spouse or significant other.

The moonlight was uncooperative at times due to passing cloud cover but there was plenty of light for the tournament.

The tournament was single elimination but Claude Potts wanted triple elimination to give him a small chance at winning. After his first game he was happy with single elimination. Finding the washers that missed the board and figuring out which hole washers went in was a challenge.

Everyone had a lot of fun but as Carol Kratzer said, I had fun but I don't want to do this every month.

The winners of the tournament were Don Day and Brenda Day, second timers, giving Brenda 2 wins in 2 Caravans. Second place was Gary Wells and Velna Wells.



# Mardi Gras















Mardi Gras Parade winners





# Pets on Parade





#### **WE SALUTE YOU**

# HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

**Don & Carol Ashley Jim & Ann Cook Bob & Di Filler** Al & Lydia Granger Carol Harter Herb & Darlene Johnson II Herb Johnson III **Don & Carol Kratzer Bob & LuAnne Lowe** Ruben & Jenny Pasillas **Bob & Pat Perdue Claude & Carol Potts** Herb Pyle Jim & Marilyn Ramey George & Rosie Reeder **Bob Schmahl** Mike & Margaret Skinner **Larry & Sharon Turner Vern & Charlene Tutterrow** Jack & Jeannette Walker

Gary and I would like to say "THANK YOU" to Paula and John Van Wonterghem for the Sign in Treats, Jeannie and Gary Phillips for the Door Prizes, B-day and Anniversary gifts.

The surprise activity (Mini Mar-di Gras Parade) organized by Caryl and John Fisher went over well.

Thanks to all the Host Tent operators we had a good time at Vista Tractor Museum.

Gary and Velna Wells

#### **Goodwill Ambassador Report**

Firesider, CONNIE JOHN-SON #2985 had outpatient knee surgery on February 6th. At the last caravan, she said she was doing fine as she was following her doctor's instructions.



Another Firesider, LINDA GENESER #2745 took a fall while on a trip to Arizona and broke her ankle and had to have surgery on February 7th. They had to put screws and bolts in her ankle and she was in San Antonio Hospital for a while.

Back Scratcher, FRANCES SMITH #2206 recently had cataract surgery on one eye and is planning the other eye shortly. It seems when we all get to a certain age we all have to go through this procedure.

Road Runner, RUTHIE JUDD #2037 took a fall at home and hit her head and landed on her hip. The first doctor didn't find a problem, but on the second go around they found a compress fracture in her spine. She is going through therapy and using a walker to travel only short distances. She will be a long recovering.

As we had two ladies fall this month, this is a reminder that as we get along in life our equilibrium seems to have a mind of its own. If we change our mind going one direction and decide to go another sometimes the equilibrium doesn't keep up and this can cause a fall. So please be mindful of this little problem. This is just another one of the sunny sides of the golden years.



## ? EMERGENCY?

**Call on CB Channel 30** 

**CODE RED: FIRE/GAS LEAK** 

**CODE BLUE: MEDICAL** 

PLEASE Do Not Use the CB Until
The ALL CLEAR Is Sounded



#### **Mother Nature**

Where to start? The little, white-haired troll was standing guard on the bridge at Vista. You have to be an old-timer to know what that was about. However, I don't think he got down and ate up the bread crumbs I threw out. I saw rabbit droppings and had hopes; so the next day I scattered strawberry tops and by morning they were gone. Ah, ha! A creature of the night? I didn't see Mr. or Mrs. Cottontail until I was leaving early Sunday morning as he crossed into the caretaker's front yard. There was some bird song heard along the "creek" and red-winged blackbirds were starting to call and sing in the dry marsh bed. Did you know that many years ago (160 or so) there was a lot of water here, right up to the bottom of the slope behind the Guajome Adobe, named so for the croaking of the frogs.

In February 2013, every evening a large flock of crows would gather and circle and then seemed to settle down on the far side of the marsh. They did not do this quietly. Between the sheds and engines, small birds flitted about. A California (brown) towhee and a hummingbird were spotted on the Nature Walk. A mourning cloak butterfly danced over our heads while a frog or two croaked from the hidden creek bed.

The big show was performed by the white-tailed kites. They were seen doing an aerial mating ritual, a bonding procedure that I call twitterpating. Several times they were seen in a copse of trees that contain two big nests. These were probably made by them in the past and now she has a choice to make for this year. We spotted one of them perched close by the nests during our walk from the north side of the marsh area.

Kites are diurnal (day fliers), are falcon-shaped (pointed wings), are buoyant gliders but not power fliers. They are graceful birds of prey that may remind you of a gull. They hunt for large insects, reptiles and small mammals often hovering before the strike. In some guides, they are called black-shouldered kites with the annotation "white-tailed kite". An adult has a light gray back, white head and belly, black shoulders, and a long white tail.

The really big show came at dinner time on Saturday. One of the kites was seen patrolling the marsh area and then hovering, and then again, but this time it dropped feet first and caught something. As it attempted to gain altitude and return to home base, a fast, furious flight from right to left by a larger hawk had us yelling to leave him alone. Both flew into that stand of trees and our line of sight was cut off. It really is survival of the fittest in the wild kingdom.



Mother Nature aka Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



# LIVE OAK BBQ

On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, Lazy Dazers will be having a BBQ! Me & Lou's Barbecue and Catering will put on this event for the Lazy Daze Caravan Club. The cost of this event will be \$9.00 per person. For this incredibly low price, you will receive the following:

Salad w/home made dressings
Slow smoked tri-tip (thinly sliced)
Slow smoked citrus marinated chicken
Freshly prepared seasonal vegetables (extra vegetables for vegans)
Santa Maria style ranch beans
Fresh grilled garlic bread
Fresh Pico Degallo (salsa)
Horseradish
Danish blue cheese
A-1
BBQ sauce

Drink table with: Special mint lemonade Ice tea Coffee Cups

Paper plates Utensils Napkins

Everything is cooked on site with Me and Lou's trailer BBQ and mobile kitchen.

The food is SERVED in a buffet line. The staff will help carry plates for those who need special attention. The staff will also bus the tables.

If there are any leftovers, the staff will pack this for us.

Are you hungry?

If you would like to purchase tickets, they will be available at Lake Perris and Tucolata Springs. If you will not be at those campouts and want to attend the BBQ at Live Oak, you can mail a check (made out to Lazy Daze Caravan Club) along with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Marlin Zabel 1647 S. Loganrita Arcadia, CA 91006

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Last day to purchase tickets: May 3



Sandy Mueller & Wayne Fletcher — Salome, AZ



#### From the Editor

The deadline for articles is the Sunday following each Caravan. Thank you for your continuing support in the production of the Caravaner.

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#### **Anniversaries**



Bill and Francis Surbrook — 125 Caravans



Bob Schmahl — 75 Caravans

### **Washer Toss Winners**



1st Place: Ruth Carter & Claude Potts 2nd Place: Terry Tanner & Bill Surbrook

### Terry's Tech Talk

#### **Tech Talk Article 73**

**Oxygen Sensor Mystery** 

03/2013

Caravaner Greg Young, Rig #2839, had his "Check Engine" idiot light come on. He took it to Fairway Ford in Placentia, California to find out what was wrong. The diagnosis was an Oxygen Sensor failure on the passenger side exhaust pipe. They discovered that the wires were missing between the Oxygen Sensor and the connector to the wiring harness. They disconnected the exhaust pipe from the exhaust manifold and lowered the exhaust pipe to access the Oxygen Sensor. They replaced the Oxygen Sensor and the wiring bundle that has the Oxygen Sensor connector, the wires, the sheath, and the connector to the wiring harness. So for over \$400 Greg was back in action. The only question was what happened to the wires? Did a mechanic clip them off? What actually happened?

When retired Sheriff Greg arrived back home, he became a detective again and started his investigation. He opened the hood and found the missing wires and sheath as shown in his picture below:



The culprit was a rodent! The pieces of foam in the rodent nest were from Greg's protective foam (See Article64.pdf) between the Coolant Reservoir and a wiring bundle. Some have found that when storing their rig, it helps to leave the hood up, or leave a light bulb "on" under the hood, and/or strategically place d-Con (poison) to discourage the rodents from nesting.

Techsnoz, the "Tech Talk" website.

Check it out at: http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Techsnoz/ Terry Tanner Rig #2779

