



October 2016

Message from the NoMads Ventura Fairgrounds – September

These smiling NOMADS hosted the 55 LD rigs that found their way to the Ventura Fairgrounds. Plans for the Ventura caravan began at Silent Valley and each lady fulfilled and brought her promised part... including assorted home-made cookies ♦♦ Trudy Bostick prepared enough gift bags so EACH person in a rig could receive a bag of fresh cookies and salt water taffy!

The “beach” theme was “hung” around the host tent, thanks to elements sent by Katharine Spencer. Ruben’s voice welcomed everyone each morning on Channel 30. Lots of green-ticket door prices were given out.

Due to the severe clear weather, poor weatherman Steve didn’t have much to report! Unfortunately, he couldn’t get enough wind Friday, so all Kite-Flyers suffered accordingly.

As NOMADS, it was neat to have 1st Timers: Joe/Connie, Kirk/Sally, and Gary/Sherrie parked among us, so we became acquainted and friends. The Past Tents were 1st Timer Hosts and helped these newcomers to feel at home with the caravan.

Our gathering ended on a real high-note: our own Sharon Turner was runner-up in Washer-Toss.

Thank you to all the NoMads for their hosting efforts: Ron & Trudy Bostick, Al & Lydia Granger, Jim & Teri Jackson, Bob & LuAnne Lowe, Clive & Sue Panton, Ruben & Jenny Pasillas, Larry & Sharon Turner, Jack & Jeannette Walker. Also contributing but not present were Herb & Carlynn Christian, Dave and Katharine Spencer. They were absent due to pending medical procedures.

Thank you to all the Caravaners who worked at the Host Tent during the week.

See you, one/all at Stagecoach!



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS



Barbara Allen

Betty Boschma

Ron & Trudy Bosticks

Sally Connell

Jim & Ann Cook

John & Pauline Cross

Lurlie Edgecomb

Herb Johnson II

Jim & Teri Jackson

Rich & Georgeann Lovett

Bob & LuAnne Lowe

Don & Verona McCutheon

Sue Panton

Ruben & Jenny Pasillas

Roadrunners

Bob & Carol Schmahl/Harter

Byron & Mona Shaner

Mike & Margaret Skinner

Bill Surbrook

Larry & Sharon Turner

Vern & Charlene Tutterrow

Jack & Jeannette Walker

Marlin & Peggy Zabel



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At-Large, FRANCES SMITH #2206 had hip replacement surgery on 7/1.

Firesider, URSULA GRINDE AND FAMILY, lost PAUL on 7/27 due to cancer.

Outback, DON KRATZER #2689 died on 8/30.

Firesider, LINDA GENESER #2745 recently broke her back and is awaiting surgery.



From the Editor

The deadline for articles is the Sunday following each Caravan. Please e-mail articles as Word documents or in Text format when possible. Clean hard copy prints can also be submitted but I don't guarantee spelling and punctuation after I scan and run my OCR (optical character recognition) program on them.

Thank you for your continuing support in the production of the Caravaner.

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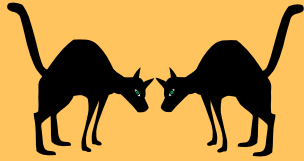
"Freaky Friday" Movie Night

The Original 1931 "Frankenstein"

with Boris Karloff

FRIDAY October 14, 2016

6:30 p.m.



**SPECIAL SHOWING
AT THE
STAGECOACH
TRAILS
"MOVIE HOUSE"**

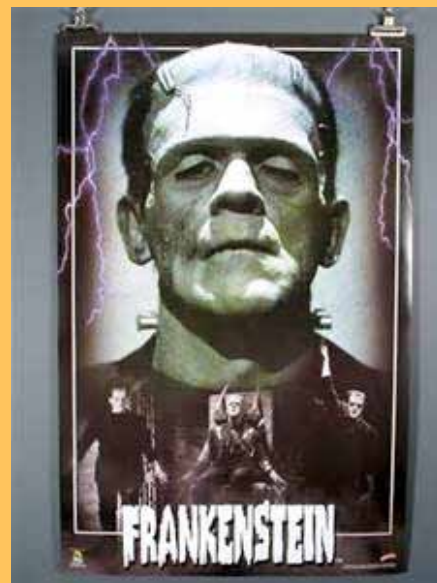
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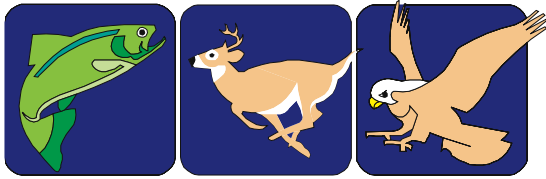
PIE AND ICE CREAM \$2.00

(sugar-free available)



- Wear your scariest costume
 - Fun & Games included
- Pies from Apple Alley in Julian
- Bring your plate, utensils and beverage





MOTHER NATURE'S REPORT BY LURLIE EDGECOMB

The Ventura River Estuary, next to the Fairgrounds, is a mere remnant of the Ventura River Delta which once stretched from north of us all the way down to the Pier. Many years ago, winter rains (what's that?) moved the sand deposits brought downstream by the river, hither, thither, and yon. The Fairgrounds is reclaimed tidal plain. If you took a walk to the paved pathway on the other side of Surfer's Point parking lot, you would have seen the ocean's attempt to reclaim its former territory.

The slow flow of the river in summertime allows the sandbar to build up and trap low salinity water. Winter storms will wash this away only to be rebuilt by the gentler waves of summer. an action which dams the Ventura River. This mix of salty and fresher water from upstream makes a rich habitat. Estuaries remove pollutants and produce oxygen. Phytoplankton (tiny plant life) and zooplankton (tiny animal life) are the base of a complex food web in which the plants convert sunlight into energy (food). Small invertebrates feed on these plants and then become food for fish, crabs, birds and other animals, including us.

Estuaries provide year round homes as well as a stopover for many migrating birds. It is a nursery for fish, mollusks, and crabs. Ducks, grebes, geese, shorebirds and long-legged waders all can find a niche here, either on the open water or among the reeds. There were many leftover, broken shells of crabs signs of recent, active feeding. We found 5 sizes of pinchers from tiny to small crabs on the sandbar, not eaten by the birds who fished them out of the water. All shells were pinkish, but the claws came in 3 shapes.

Great blue herons, great egrets, and snowy egrets waited patiently until they made a sudden strike with their spear-like bills, impaling a frog, fish or crab. If hunting here is insufficient for their needs. all three of these long-legged waders will fly inland to a farmer's field or a park to find a juicy mouse, gopher, ground squirrel or vole.

Western gulls are scavengers and do not dive into the water. Instead they eat live or dead fish from someone's kill. They also will eat decaying material like flesh from a dead seal. Now Caspian terns are not gulls, they are more slender, fly with red bill pointed down as they are always looking for a fish and will dive into the water to nab it. Willets probe the wet sand and will low-level fly further up the beach showing the black and white chevron pattern in their wings. The sandpipers and sanderlings (all called peeps) run on little stick legs, stop and peck, and run again in their search for sand crabs. Marbled godwits move slowly and probe deeply with their long bills.

There were a few lizards sunning themselves in the low dunes, one on a rock, one on sand, one on a twig. Grebes, always on the water, dive from the surface to eat aquatic insects, crawdads and small fish. Their legs are so far back on their bodies that walking causes them to flop face down. Plovers peck at the wet sand and then run further along the tide's edge. Behavior is an important tool in trying to identify creatures who are going about their life activities.

One strange scene was a pair of mallards who were paddling around some quiet water on the ocean side of the sandbar, but behind a jumble of rocks. They should have been with the coots on the very calm estuary water. There were fewer grackles in camp this year. The sooty, grey-brown, and noisy garbage eaters are the females. I only saw one shiny black male with his long, rudder-like tail. He also was noisy and had an attitude of "feed me or I'll attack your picnic table". We see these at Live Oak and they look healthier there. A few house sparrows visited the outer cyclone fence.

Did you see something I missed? Be a field reporter and clue me in. Donna LaPorte brought me a picture of a pintail whydah she found at her finch feeder. Look him up on Google. It was a male with the super-long



tail of a breeding male, had a shiny black back with white under body and a bright, red-orange, seed-cracking bill. Native to most of Africa south of the Sahara Desert, it's a small songbird that lays its eggs in finch nests (brood parasites). They are escapees from someone's collection, are breeding in Orange County, and one was seen not 2 miles from my home, also at a bird feeder at an Audubon member's home.

Have you seen something unusual at home or in your travels? Write it up and submit your notes to Dave Hurley. Help spread some knowledge. Come on one of our walks, make yourself available, especially if you have some knowledge of natural history, the geology of an area, and especially if you know some of the plants that we see.

Mother Nature aka Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



Brown Bag Gift Exchange And More!

Barbara Berggreen introduced us to 'The Brown Bag' gift exchange at the Live Oak Christmas outing many years ago. Each year she presented a new and thrilling adventure for Mr. and Mrs. Right on the road in their Laze Daze. Last year Rosemary Webb re-read one of those adventures when Barbara advised her she would no longer be bringing Mr. and Mrs. Right to us. The Outbacks and the Entertainment Committee felt that such a great tradition should continue and have created a new production script for the Brown Bag Exchange. We hope that you will all plan to participate in this year's 'left/right' event when we present "A fractured Christmas Story."

Remember to bring a brown bag, or suitable substitute, stuffed with that gift you yourself would enjoy receiving, even though it only cost \$15. Please, pack a smile in that bag for the recipient and not a frown.

Friday Night the Outbacks have arranged for a world famous D.J. to join us and play Christmas theme music while guests will enjoy munching on cookies and treats accompanied by coffee and hot cider, or anything thing else you might bring. The word is you should remember to bring your camera, or your quick sketch kit, to capture a memory of you and SANTA CLAUSE. Yes, Santa Clause will be there to hear your Christmas wish and pose for pictures. The rumor is that he will have his "Good and Bad" gift ledger.

To summarize: Santa Clause, cookies and treats, coffee, hot cider, famous D.J. and Brown Bag Gift Exchange all on Friday . Read the Caravaner next month to see what else is in the works!

Also, a reminder that we again are requesting donations for the group "TOYS For TOTS" to help make a joyful Christmas for many children. Gene and Sally Caulfield will see to it that the toys are delivered to the organization. Thanks to you all for your generous gifts.



WASHER TOSS



Ventura Caravan September 17, 2016

Thirty-four Lazy Daze Campers signed up, including two of the 1st Timers, Joe and Connie Fishman, giving us a total of 17 teams.

A double elimination tournament was held with Art Vorbeck and Sharon Turner winning the losers bracket. To win the tournament Art and Sharon had to beat Don McCutcheon and Susan Pyle two times as they had not lost a game.



Alas, Don and Susan proved to much for Art and Sharon, beating them in the 1st play-off game

Congratulations to Don and Susan for a game well played.



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Healthcare

August 1, 2016

Dear Carol Harter,

I visited Venita Baker last Friday afternoon and picked up the beautiful 58 adult bibs your group, Lazy Daze Caravan RV Club, made for our Hospice patients. Thank you so much for this kind and very generous donation. Also, I'd like to thank you for reaching out to VITAS and choosing to provide us with these precious gifts. Our patients, family members and caregivers alike, love to use these bibs. They are so well made and provide such a personal touch for the patients.

Please share our sincerest thanks to all the ladies of Lazy Daze Caravan RV Club for their kindness and sharing of their time, talents and energy to brighten the days of our patients.

Your donations will reach so many.

Thank you again for choosing us.

Warmest Regards,



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Activities in Ventura



We got one kite in the air



Fun at the ocean



A little fun at the track



Happy hour at camp



First Timers



#3063
Gary & Scherri Hayley

#3062
Joe & Connie Fishman

#3061
Kirk Wilson & Sally Connell

? 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**

**PLEASE REMEMBER
To Park So You Don't
Block The Exit Of
Another Rig**



Caravan Anniversary



Terry & Lucy Joe - 175 Caravans & Wedding Anniversary Gift

