

# CARAVANER

October 2019

## The Sands RV & Golf Resort

Hosted by the Firesiders



The September Caravan was blessed by good weather. Surprisingly there was very little wind. In fact it was hard to keep a kite in the air. Vern Tutterrow was our Washer Toss coordinator. Not many participants so Vern made it a triple elimination game. David Hurley and Marlin Zabel paired up to win First Place without losing any games. Brent and Carol Quinowski teamed up to win the losers bracket and had win three games to win the tournament. Dave and Marlin managed to fight them off.



# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS



**Bill Arthur**

**Betty Boschma**

**Jim Cook**

**Lurlie Edgecomb**

**Caryl Fisher**

**Al & Lydia Granger**

**Carol Harter**

**Terry & Lucy Joe**

**Herb Johnson II**

**Herb Johnson III**

**Rich & Georgeann Lovett**

**Susan Pyle**

**Roadrunners**

**Bob Schmahl**

**Vern & Charlene Tutterrow**

**and Jeanie** ☺

## 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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## GOODWILL AMBASSADOR

Drifter RICH LOVETT #3025 had his carotid artery operated on July 25th. It was 70% blocked and he was one lucky fellow. So everyone should have their carotid artery checked to be on the safe side.

Road Runner SUSAN PYLE #3003 had some surgery on her head to get rid of the pain in her face. She is now out of pain and back on the caravans.

In passing on Wednesday, 6/5/2019, Road Runner DALLAS E. HAZLETON #2882. He especially enjoyed the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta as one of the club's activities. Remembrances can be sent to Gwen Hazleton c/o Dalee Grirod, 1900 Camino Loma #E203, Fullerton, CA 92833

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## Our Puppies had a great time in Ventura



Hanging out in the RV!

## First Timers

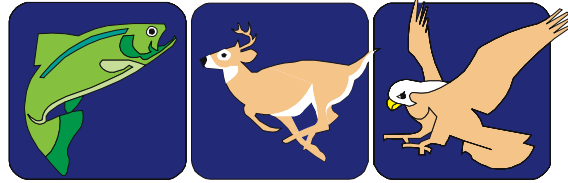


Phil and Pat Merritt — Buellton, CA



# Mother Nature

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



The weather in September was very pleasant-warm days and cool nights. Great for dry camping. With no plant life near our rigs, we had almost no wildlife in camp, just down-at-the-heels grackles and several small finches and sparrows. That is, if you didn't count the gulls and a few crows hoping to scavenge something.

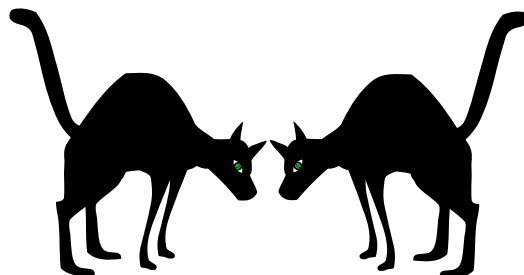
Our walk went west along the bike path, then down on the sand and along the dunes to the mouth of the Ventura River. It was alarming to see the extent of the erosion done to the tarred bike path during last winter's storms. Fencing has been added to keep you back from the edge. A low retaining wall had slipped down about 3 feet; a man-hole cover and its pipe is out in space, no longer part of the walkway. You can see the washed away area from a distance.

As we walked along the beach area, a cormorant floated and dove and did a repeat unbothered by the surfers. In the sand, you could see bird and lizard tracks and some broken crab shells, all that was left after being eaten. A few California brown pelicans winged it going up the beach. They amaze me with how few wing beats it takes to keep them aloft. Another amazement was how little litter there was on the beach and in the dunes. Good for Ventura! Mentally, I crossed off asking Lazy Dazers to join me on Saturday after Washer Toss to participate in the California Coastal Clean-Up Day.

In years past, we would walk up to the mouth of the Ventura River and always saw shorebirds and ducks in the lagoon created by gentle summer waves pushing sand inland creating a berm, cutting off the freshwater stream from the ocean. Not this year! The continuing rains and the runoff from the hillsides was too much for the sandbar. We couldn't walk to the far side. I heard one definite "quack" and thought I could see a great white egret way over on the far side near the farther end of the train bridge. For the first time, we saw trout swimming upstream-about a dozen-just past the sign saying not to fish for them. The next day a peregrine falcon was seen here.

Shorebirds and dolphins were at Emma Wood State Beach Campground on Monday and Tuesday. A birder's first for me was the snowy plover, a little black and white shorebird with a short bill picking at washed up seaweed snapping up the sand flies. I got close enough to see the face markings while walking slowly. And then there were more chasing the waves as well as marbled godwits, willets, and whimbrels who had their long bills probing deep in the wet sand to try to get sand crabs.

Monday morning was a joy! 3 pods of dolphins took their time going down the beach headed towards Ventura. Later several more pods headed the same way. Even later a solitary seal bobbed up, looked around watching for that big marine mammal who could and would ram it. They are after the same meal. The gate guard said in the 5 years he had worked there that this is the greatest amount of sightings of the dolphins that he has seen. Well, no big marine mammals at Lake Cachuma, but that is where I will see you next. Hope we can get a pontoon nature boat trip going on the lake. The one in May was well worth the ticket!



**"FREAKY FRIDAY" MOVIE NIGHT**

**PRESENTS.....**

**1931 MOVIE: DRACULA**

**FRIDAY October 18, 2019**

**6:30 P.M.**



**San Jacinto Room in Activities Center**

**Bring a snack or dessert to share**

**(if pie or cake, please bring cut)**

**Free fresh-popped Popcorn**



**Get ready for a super scary**

# **HALLOWEEN**



## **PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST**

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### **PRIZES !!!!**

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**Carving time available on Thursday 2pm at  
Activity Center**

**Voting on Friday – Awards on Saturday**

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**Bring your pumpkin - join the fun**

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**Prizes awarded at  
General Meeting**



# Root Beer Float Party

A refreshing time for all!



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Another Rig**

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