



September 2022

*Welcome to Ventura, Hosted by the Firesiders*

## **Launch Point RV Park Washer Toss**

### **June 10, 2022**

Launch Point, Lake Elsinore weather was clear and warm with temperatures getting into the 90degree plus range, with a breeze coming up in the afternoon.

Thirty Lazy Daze checked in with 2 First-timers and no guests. Twenty-four people signed up to play in our Washer-Toss tournament and 2 guys, (Guy Richards and Roger LaPorte) were good sports and played on the gals side of the boards wearing the grass skirts.

Team #10, Harry Earle and Betty Boschma won the Winners bracket and relaxed and waited to see who they would play in the play-off.

Team # 6, Vern Tutterrow and Carol Potts had to play Team #7 Claude Potts and Donna LaPorte a second time after beating them in the winners bracket. Claude and Donna were victorious and advanced to the play-off where they had to play #Team 10 Harry and Betty who had won the winners bracket.

Since our tournament is a double elimination, Team #10 only had to win 1 game to be champions. However, Claude and Donna were to much for Harry and Betty and beat them the 2 necessary games to win the tournament.

Congratulation to Claude and Donna for a tournament well played.





Here is a picture of Felica Mayes showing her handmade card at the paper crafting activity with Caryl Fisher and Lydia Granger.



## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR JUNE

A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS

Carol Harter

Terry Jackson

Herb Johnson

Rubin & Jenny Pasillas

Bob Schmahl

John VanWongergem



### Dogs for Better Lives

We need your spare change or paper dollars to increase our year end donation from our club. Please consider a drop in the jar next time you're at caravan. It can usually be found at the Host Tent.

Thank you!

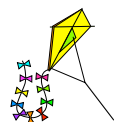
### From the Editor

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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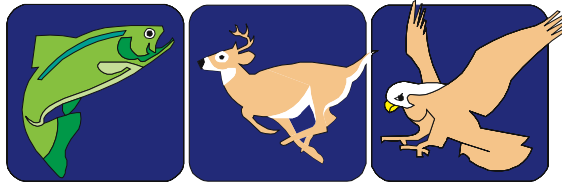
# Launch Pointe in Lake Elsinore

This is becoming one of our favorite venues in our camping schedule. Many wonderful amenities here.



Road Runners hosted a watermelon party after the general meeting. Great idea it was so HOT!!





**Lurlie Edgecomb #2285**

## **Mother Nature**

In camp, birds were easily seen from any open space. Crows and grackles were noisy. Turkey vultures soared silently above us. Often they were doing a solo reconnaissance flight looking for carrion. I was known to shake a finger at them and say “no one is dead down here. Sorry.” One afternoon I heard squawking and looked up to see a smallish bird chasing a great-blue heron toward Lake Elsinore. I assumed the great-blue had landed in a tree top near the smaller bird’s nest. Years ago I was amazed to find out and, actually, see, great-blues nesting in treetops and great egrets in the next tree tops. Travel to Northern California along the Coast Highway to Audubon Canyon Ranch to see for yourself.

One night I saw two rabbits eating the grass near the shower building. If you looked on the cement or sand, you could find their “calling cards” (droppings) at most sites. A lonely alligator lizard skittered away as I walked up the sidewalk to the really nice deck at the back of the community building. What a view! Grackles, crows, and a towhee were found in the inner lawns of the camping squares. It was quieter over there and someone might have dropped a nibble or two.

At water’s edge, turkey vultures circled, landed and waited...perhaps for offal from the fishing boats? I could see one dark duck out on the water. A coot flew along the shore to the wooded area to our west. A great-blue heron also flew into that area. I had heard bird chatter over there earlier, but did not go explore as I had been told two years ago that it might not be safe as some un-housed people might be in there. On the last morning, I walked down to the beach area again. An egret flew along the shore as two American avocets strolled through the shallow water while running their long, upturned bills sideways feeling for tasty bits of crustaceans, frogs, insects, and aquatic plants...back and forth, back and forth, an occasional gobble. It is a striking bird with white body and black wings with a big white stripe. At this time of the year, they have rusty orange head and neck feathers, breeding plumage. Working together, a pair will make a nest on the ground in a quiet area. Then they take turns on the nest incubating for 3-4 weeks and then spend another 4-5 weeks feeding their young. Such devotion!

Our meeting place was probably near a hummingbird’s nest as one flew close to our intrepid leader during the meeting. Probably a female, looking for a protein meal for herself and her young without any help from her former partner. The male did his bit and now he is gone. A protein meal (spiders and insects) is needed to provide energy through the night for both mom and babies. She zipped across our meeting place about 5 times. We weren’t moving so we didn’t scare her. Did your mother gather insects and spiders for you? Probably not.

Mother Nature

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



Congratulations to Lurlie Edgecomb  
for her 225 Caravan



Don & Pebbie Deatherage  
Wedding Anniversary



Al & Lydia Granger  
Wedding Anniversary



Barbara Barnes, Birthday Prize



# First Timers



Jules Anderson and Susan Campbell  
Laguna Beach, CA



Micheal and Veronica Mann  
Riverside, CA



## Meet Rusti

Charlene and Vern Tutterrow have a new puppy!



Al Granger, Birthday Prize

