



February 2014



## Welcome Lazy Dazers to Stagecoach Trails RV Resort

Your Host Group, the Backscratchers



Here we were at Lake Perris with 65 Lazy Dazers including one guest, to experience about the most perfect camping weather ever in January. The temperatures ran in the 80's during the day and lows at night in the 50's and 60's. You couldn't believe it. The winds ran from low to moderate, not those blasts experienced in LA, Orange County and other parts of the Inland areas.

We had two washer toss tournaments. On Friday, it was a group challenge. The Outbacks, Claude Potts and Carol Kratzer, won, with the Backscratchers, Byron Shaner and Verona McCutcheon, coming in second. On Saturday morning, we had our usual double elimination game. The winners were Don McCutcheon and Carlynn Christian with Claude Potts and Willie Judd coming in second.

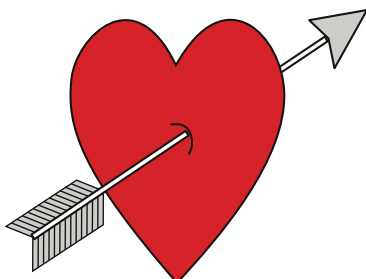
Lydia Granger had her Scrapbooking class and Connie Johnson contributed a brain teaser game to get our brains in gear.

The Firesiders give many thanks to all the individuals who helped make a very successful outing. A particular nod to Connie Johnson for her outstanding job on the CB morning announcements. Her sweet and clear voice made the daily announcements loud and very distinctive.

John Mailliard, the Washer Toss Director, announced he will be giving up the director position as he and Catherine will be moving to Spokane, WA. Thank you John for your huge contribution to our caravan club.

Many thanks to all those who volunteered to help at the host tent. The Firesider's really appreciated your support.

The Firesider's group would like to say how proud we are to have "Chairman" Johnson II represent our club for this coming year of 2014.



# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY

Bill Arthur

Betty Boschma

Jon & Loni Calhoun

Jim & Ann Cook

Lurlie Edgecomb

Bob Filler

Joe & Jane Fletcher

Floyd & Margaret Heideman

Terry & Lucy Joe

Herb & Darlene Johnson II

Herb & Connie Johnson III

Bob & Margot Kody

Don & Carol Kratzer

Bob & LuAnne Lowe

Harold & Pam Maddox

John & Catherin Mailliard

Norm Martin

Ken & Linda Palmer

Alice Parrish

Ruben & Jenny PASILLAS

Past Tents

Claude & Carol Potts

Jim & Marilyn Ramey

George & Rosie Reeder

Don & Millie Reiner

Roadrunners

Mike & Margaret Skinner

Bill & Frances Surbrook

Merlin & Delores Thimlar

Barlow & Phyllis Thompson

Larry Turner

Vern & Charlene Tutterrow

Art & Ursula Vorbeck

Dale & Doris Wren

Greg & Sandy Young

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE LAZY DAZE  
CARAVAN CLUB.**



## GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORT

We recently lost three of our former members.

LOUIS VANDERMOLEN  
#2163 of the Lazy Gourmets.

Road Runner, PAT ALFORD  
#1957 passed last October.

Bun Buster, BRISCOE  
BALDWIN #2407 passed on  
December 23rd. For those of  
you who would like to send his  
wife, BETTE a card her address  
is 5500 Calle Real Ave, Apt E203,  
Santa Barbara, CA 93111-1692.

On December 18th, Back  
Scratcher, BEVERLY MOINE  
#2232 had heart by-pass surgery.  
She had six blockages in her  
arteries.

Drifter, GEORGEANN  
LOVETT #3025 had rotator cuff  
surgery on January 16th.

Outback, TINA ZOLL #2740  
recently had hip replacement  
surgery.

Mona Shaner  
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# Group Washer Toss Tournament



1st Place: Outbacks — Claude Potts  
Carol Kratzer

2nd Place: Backscratchers — Byron Shaner  
Verona McCutcheon

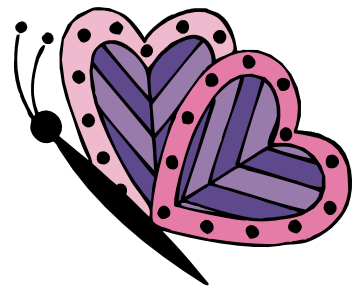
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# Saturday Washer Toss Tournament



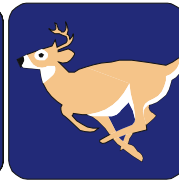
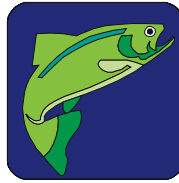
1st Place: — Don McCutcheon  
Carlynn Christian

2nd Place: — Claude Potts  
Willie Judd



# Mother Nature

By Lurlie Edgecomb



A small group of nature buffs accompanied Mother Nature down to Moreno Beach at Lake Perris while the Lazy Daze Caravan was camped there in January. We had extremely nice, if unseasonable, weather and clear moonlit nights. Winds were not a problem. Though dryness seems to have affected the volume of bird life in camp, down on the lake waters and reedy edges we could see hundreds of waterfowl. A great-blue heron watched us from the reeds and with a harsh croak took his, or her, leave on six-foot wide wings. The large nests up in the tall eucalyptus trees were soon checked out by another great-blue. Shortly, we spotted their cousin, a snowy egret. Only half the blue's size, it has the nuptial feathers on its neck that it used to be hunted for ladies' hats. And then another one flew into the shallow waters. Both kinds have found many freshwater clams to pry open and eat as evidenced by the large white swaths of shells across the beach.



Floating flocks of western gulls were fringed by ducks, mainly mallards and lesser scaup, and grebes, the long necked ones are western grebes and the plainer ones are pied-bill grebes. When we return next month, I'll be hoping to see the western grebes doing their mating rituals. They have graceful necks, white on the front and black up the back, that they intertwine as they "neck". Then they may do the "dance" which involves raising up, flapping their wings and practically scooting along on the water side by side.

On the slope behind us, a tree sparrow was busy singing his heart out for a mate. A frog could be heard in the reeds. A few coots were seen at water's edge and cormorants spread their wings to dry while perched on buoys. Between the beach and camp, we heard bushtits twittering in the trees and saw a black phoebe fly out to catch an insect. They'll fly out from a perch, gobble the bug, and land on a different perch while working an area. What's a campout without crows? They showed up as did a skunk or two, only at night. Ground squirrels were everywhere and it is their holes that get enlarged by the skunks and sometimes by a coyote trying to get a meal. Lizards, tarantulas and snakes also make use of the holes. Beware of putting your hand or a stick in there!

Many had the opportunity to see the roadrunner more than once. It seemed a little thin to me, perhaps due to a lack of food as I only saw one lizard in four days and no beetles. I heard of several large raccoons visiting near the Firesiders. Quail were seen traveling down to the lake for a drink. Female juncos and a California towhee worked the leaf litter beneath the pepper trees looking for seeds and bugs. Turkey vultures soared silently above on two occasions. An owl was heard the first night. It wasn't the deep hooting of a great-horned owl, but sounded smaller and may have been a barn or burrowing owl.



We can hope owls have taken up the nest boxes here at Stagecoach. Keep your eyes open and let me know if there is interest in a Nature Walk, perhaps on Friday. Remember, you are my Nature Reporters, my extra eyes. I can't be everywhere and appreciate the help.



# Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 81

Carbon Monoxide Alarm

02/2014

The original Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm in my 2001 Lazy Daze Rear Bath was replaced once after maybe 6 years or so. I went to Lazy Daze and purchased the replacement alarm for about \$60 if I remember right. The alarm used a 9 volt battery. After only about 2 years of use, the replacement alarm started giving false alarms. It would sound when I was camped with the door and windows open and no propane appliances on. I started looking for a replacement. Camping World only had 12 volt hardwired CO alarms. I found no exciting products on-line. I looked at Home Depot and Lowes and the CO alarms specifically stated they were not for RV use. Recently I found a Code One CO Alarm at Home Depot that was only \$18, used 3 AAA alkaline batteries and had no restrictions listed for RV use. I checked the alarm specifications for the Code One against the Lazy Daze CO Alarm and they were identical. The alarm is shown below:



I carefully read the installation instructions. The alarm should be mounted away from the kitchen area and away from doors and windows. In a motor home, especially a Lazy Daze with its large windows, it is difficult to get away from the windows. The original location was over the entry door, next to the kitchen sink, and directly above my catalytic heater. Not exactly an ideal location.

I installed the new alarm on the television cabinet that is as far forward as possible to get in my floor plan. The installation was easy and consisted of screwing a plastic plate to the cabinet front and then sliding the CO Alarm onto the plate.

The Home Depot product information is:

Code One Battery Operated Carbon Monoxide Alarm

Model # KN-COB-B-LPM

Internet #202756110

Store SKU #184804

Store SO SKU #198092

The Code One seems to be readily available at Home Depot so that is an important feature if immediate replacement is needed while traveling.

[Techsnoz](#), the "Tech Talk" website.

Check it out at: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Techsnoz/>

Terry Tanner Rig #2779



# Anniversary



Oscar & Sharon Wittrock — 25 Caravans



Happy Birthday Larry Turner



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

**? 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**



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