



THE CARAVANER

February 2015



**Welcome Lazy Dazers to Vista!
Your Host Group, the No Mads**



Instead of focusing on New Year’s resolutions kept or broken; let’s remember that chocolate is now considered good for us and one lap around the campground is better than none.

That being said; let’s think about the fact that the Chinese New Year is “the year of the sheep”. Which one? The “Little Boy blue who blew his horn; Baa Baa black sheep; Little Bo peep or those who “know me by My name” ? Can you recite any of those? We could establish our own and call it “the year of the unexpected weather” based on the snow some of us had earlier this month or the beautiful sunny days at Lake Perris keeping our umbrellas packed away. We Californians are “wimps” when it comes to severe weather and are glad of it. If this month’s outing was a foretaste of the upcoming outings; bring it on!

Maybe you have a suggestion for our own unique Lazy Dazer’s Year of the_____.

I would go for WTTTSPLPGD; which is_____.

As Outbacks; we’re glad you came to Lake Perris and hope you had a great time.

For those of you into numbers; they were 57 2 & 1.

Tip: When you try to go to sleep tonight; count your blessings instead of sheep.





GOODWILL AMBASSADOR REPORT

At-Large, FRANK
SIMERLY, #2230 recently
passed in December, 2014.

I was told "he was one hell of a nice guy. We will miss Frank's wit, humor, storytelling and congenial friendship. He is showing them how to camp in heaven."

Nomad, JENNY PASILLAS #2767 had gall bladder surgery February 6th.

Drifter, CAROLE HURLEY #229 is home under Hospice care. Take a moment of your time and say a prayer to ease her pain.

Outback, TERRY TANNER #2779 had foot surgery on January 15th. He missed January's and February's caravans.

Another Terry, Back Scratcher, TERRY JOE #2347 had a fall that injured his shoulder.

Road Runner, WILLY JUDD #2037 had an emergency call while at Lake Perris. They took him to the hospital for observation, but he was able to drive his rig home.



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In Memorial - 2014

PAT ALFORD #1957

BRISCOE BALDWIN #2407

GORDON GREENE #2320

JOE HAMM #2948

KATIE HERBERT #2008

MILLIE JOHNSON #1062

ANDY MOINE #2232

ROD MORTENSON #2483

ED NEWTON - LAZY DAZE

DON & BOBBIE NELSON #211

DOLORES NOEL #2510

DON & FRANCES ROE #2094

BILL SAUNDERS #1438

ANDY SMTH #2394

LOUIS VANDERMOLLEN #2163

WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR JANUARY

Bill Arthur

Troy Bergren

Betty Boschma

Penny Bowman

Gene & Sally Caulfield

Bob & Di Filler

Joe & Jane Fletcher

Carol Harter

Bob & Margot Kody

Rich & Georgeann Lovett

Outbacks

Jim & Marilyn Ramey

Roadrunners

Bob Schmahl

Byron & Mona Shaner

Merlin & Delores Thimlar

Larry & Sharon Turner

Dale & Doris Wren

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

Washer Toss



We had 20 teams with a double elimination tournament. The winners were Joe Fletcher and Georgeann Lovett with second place being Merlin Thimlar and Carol Potts.



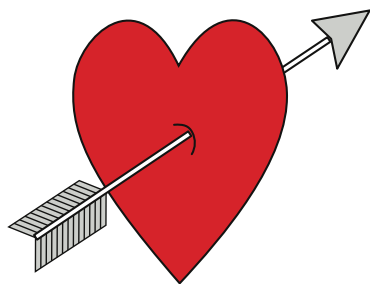
First Timers



Elena Siurna & Lynthia Thomas — Ingram, TX

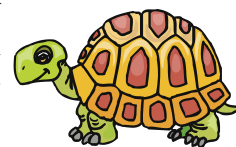


Doug & Judy Gremmel — Coupeville, WA



Painted Turtle News

Our cause is good, but now there seems to be no new afghan makers to take the place of some who have stopped making them. For those who do, I will collect and see to it that afghans get to the summer camps.



They also need craft kits and craft supplies, small pieces of wood for simple building projects and of course money. If any of these things strike your fancy, I will see that the Painted Turtle Organization gets this. Always remember that none of the camper pay for their one week life altering stay. Everything is donated and time given by volunteers.

Landscape Drawing



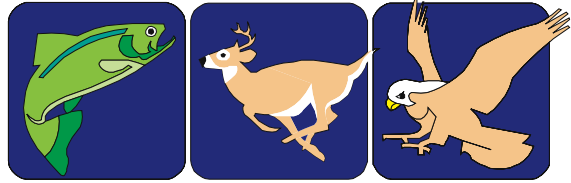
I hope to continue this at the next few campouts. Drawing is a fun way to add to a trip journal. Many times an impression of what you see and record speaks in more detail than a bunch of photos. I am finding that the few little drawings made at the different campouts really do reflect the location. I almost promise that you will see the sights of your travels in a more memorable way. Encouraging your right brain (creative side) is extremely healthy activity for brain balance not to mention FUN.

I will try to give you simple skills to draw with pride. Like anything it does take some practice. A small sketch book is a handy thing to have to fill pages with techniques and drawings and notes. I provide paper, pencils, eraser and a disburser. (a Blending too) to get you started. You are welcome to bring your own supplies. If you are a bit more accomplished, then this is an opportunity to make time to practice your skills and share with others.

(If you have another hobby and just want some company while you work on a craft, needle point, knitting etc.....come join us for the company)

Jane Farewell

Mother Nature



At least one each-coyote and raccoon-made their presence known at Lake Perris. The coyote was seen day and night passing through the camp named for him; once it had a bunny hanging limply from its killer jaws. We assumed the pillager of the Host Tent trash basket was a raccoon. I'm pretty sure that it may have been the same animal that raided the dumpster next to space 91 almost nightly. The first night, I heard some swishing sounds and my cats went on high alert. Each morning there was some clean up to be done; but I must say it was neater than most wild creatures.

On Friday before we ambled down to the lake, Mother Nature showed off her six youngest box turtles to the half-dozen Lazy Dazers who showed up for the Nature Walk. Three brought binoculars! Serious birders here!! So off we went while viewing a black phoebe and then an oak titmouse. A warbler was heard but not seen. A flurry of little gray birds chirping away moving from tree to tree as they searched for insects and seeds probably were bushtits. Avian activity was more pronounced down by the lake. Three turkey vultures were perched on one very tall light standard. Off they went on great, quiet wings. We were busy counting heron nests, currently unoccupied, 5 big ones and one in disrepair. Be sure to check these out in March. Two hummingbirds zipped past our heads too close to focus on them.

Out on the lake, we could see splotches of color, mostly white. With binoculars, we started identifying white pelicans, buffleheads, lesser scaup, northern shovelers, many gulls, and coots, always coots. Not a great blue heron was to be seen until we moved away from the shore to the picnic area. To Di Filler's delight, there was a prime example of our tallest shorebird, the great blue heron. He was watching the squirrel/gopher hole in front of him. Maybe he had been there for a while as he was resting on one leg, finally putting it down. So we found one of our goals, but not the other two....the osprey I saw years ago or the bald eagle of which Lake Perris is said to have one now according to the state bald eagle count.

I was able to report having seen a pair of red-tailed hawks, a pair of ravens, and hearing an owl at night in camp but some distance away. Others confirmed those sightings and a few had heard the owl. Other animals seen included the egret, roadrunners, many chubby ground squirrels, and the brown towhee. There were no skunk reports, either sightings or smells. However, the big mystery remains.....why didn't the coyote and road runner make themselves visible to their mentor....me? Better known as... Mother Nature.

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285





What we love to do!

Photos by Bob Filler



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