

# THE CARAVANER

Message from the  
DEATH VALLEY DESPERADOS  
GOING FOR #21



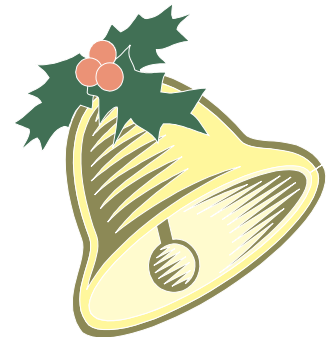
December 2017

The Lazy Daze group known as the “Death Valley Desperados” is again planning to be in Death Valley National Park for our 21st New Year’s get together. Frances Smith has asked me to take over as “Coordinator” so, Please consider this your personal invitation to join us for a safe and fun New Year’s party. I apologize in advance for the “cut and paste” of past articles, but deadlines must be met!

For your information the group started with four rigs in 1997 and has grown through the years. We meet at Sunset Campground right after Christmas, except for those already there, and stay to ring in the New Year. Anyone is welcome to come and join. The only thing we ask of you is to have FUN and a relaxing time! You can make your own plans or join in with a spur of the moment outing, hiking, 4-wheeling, photo shoots, exploring the valley’s wonders, playing games, visiting with new friends, or just sit and watch the sand grow.

Each night we share in a massive array of hors d’oeuvres that everyone brings and on one night we have soup potluck that would put any chef to shame and another night we cook hot dogs. Also, there will be a potluck breakfast and a few other meals planned. One thing for sure, you won’t go hungry and you won’t lack for a good time.

New Year’s Eve is when we really bring out the food. Everyone brings a beverage, be it hard or soft and if you would like, bring a bottle of champagne to share New Year’s Eve. To obtain an agenda of what will be happening please contact Christine Nordström #2048 ( In person, via cell 951-795-3373 or E-mail [christineknordstrom@gmail.com](mailto:christineknordstrom@gmail.com) )



# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER



Tom & Debbie Bowling

Troy & Penny Bowman

Bob & Di Filler

John & Caryl Fisher

Carol Harter

Terry & Lucy Joe

Carol Kratzer

Ken & Linda Palmer

Ruben & Jenny Pasillas

Don & Millie Reiner

Road Runners

Bob Schmahl

Mike & Margaret Skinner

Donna Terranova

Jack & Jeannette Walker

Robert & Joanne Wayne

Greg & Sandy Young



## Washer Toss for October

Photos by Charlene Tutterrow



1st Marlin Zabel & Eileen Peternouschek

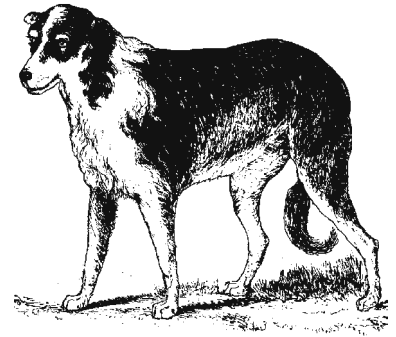
2nd Vern Tutterrow & Donna Terranova

## Dogs for the Deaf

Please consider giving to this good cause for your end of year giving.

Bring your extra change and the container is located at the Host Tent.

Connie Johnson

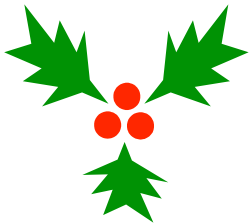


## From the Editor

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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## 2017 Len Philippi Memorial Washer Toss Tournament Qualified Players



### Men

### Women

Arthur	Bill	Bartel	Sandi
Filler	Bob	Blain	Karen
Fletcher	Joe	Boschma	Betty
Granger	Al	Bruner	Camille
Hurley	Dave	Christian	Carlynn
Johnson	Herb III	Geneser	Linda
Johnson	Phil	Johnson	Connie
Judd	Willie	Johnson	Darlene
LaPorte	Roger	Johnson	Jeane
Lindsay	Kevin	Johnson	Maria
Mercer	Allen	Johnson	Melissa
Nordstrom	Dave	Kratzer	Carol
Palmer	Ken	LaPorte	Donna
Pasillas	Ruben	Lindsay	Malia
Peternouschek	Peter	Lowe	LuAnne
Potts	Claude	Lovett	Georgeann
Richards	Guy	Mercer	Sue
Shaner	Byron	McCutcheon	Verona
Smith	Bob	Nordstrom	Christine
Surbrook	Bill	Orr	Jean
Tanner	Terry	Palmer	Linda
Thimlar	Merlin	Parrish	Nancy
Tutterrow	Vern	Peternouscheck	Eileen
Quisnowski	Brent	Potts	Carol
Von Wonterghem	John	Pyle	Susan
Vorbeck	Art	Reiner	Millie
Walker	Jack	Riley	Nancy
Wayne	Bob	Shaner	Mona
Wells	Gary	Spencer	Katherine
Zabel	Marlin	Smith	Frances
		Terranova	Donna
		Turner	Sharon
		Wells	Velna
		Wren	Doris
		Zabel	Peggy

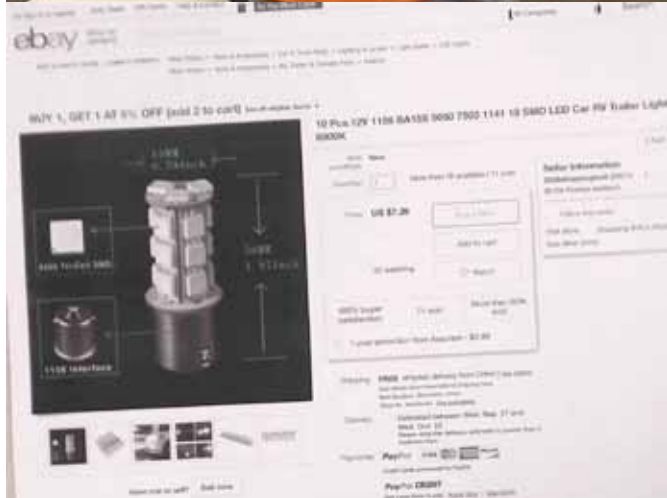
# Goodwill Ambassador Report

Drifter ROSIE REEDER'S #1397 youngest son, Matthew passed away on Sunday, October 8th of cancer.

Nomad, SHARON TURNER'S, #2932 husband, LARRY TURNER passed peacefully on Tuesday October 24th. LARRY wished for no funeral.

Outback, DON SITTS's, 1666. cancer has spread though out his body. They will begin hospice care at home. Thoughts and prayers are appreciated by his family.

Mona Shaner  
10/28/17



# TECH TALK

## at Stagecoach Trails RV -

By Friday afternoon, the blowing winds/sand had died down such that a full room assembled to listen, learn, and ask questions.

JOHN VAN (#2780) was the man of the hour. We all were impressed at John's various presentations, using drawings, pictures, and actual pieces he brought and passed around. First subject was TV antennas and how to detect, then cure "loss of signal strength" from the factory "batwing" antenna. We followed John's step-by-step drawings and directions including the infamous and illusive "boot" that seals the coax connector down at the roof. Second was the KING JACK which replaces the "batwing" and increases signal strength.

How many amperes does a #1141 bulb draw? John had a battery, bulb and a LED with inline amp meter that glowed and showed LED draws only a fraction of regular bulb. He passed around an eBay sheet (attached) showing pak of 10 LEDs at about 74 cents-a-piece.

Leaky Roof? John meticulously led us through use of Eternabond tape to re-seal LazyDaze roof joints. He passed a roll of tape around so everyone got the feel, and heard John's caution of just how sticky the 4" tape becomes, once the protective clear cover is removed.

Several questions touched on subjects for discussion as well as answers.

All were impressed how knowledgeable, experienced, and prepared John was for TechTalk. He showed several pages of repairs, upgrades, modifications he has done to their rig; offered to share and help others.

Thanks John! johnvan7085@sbcglobal.net  
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In light of the recent fires in Orange County and in Northern California, at our women's only meeting at Stage Coach we discussed the important what to do in the event you need to quickly evacuate your home. (think of Fire and Earthquake). A recent news article put the priorities as follows:

- People
- Pets
- Prescriptions
- Papers
- Pictures

In other words; get out fast. Your life and the life of your family comes first. If you have a little more time, bring your pets; if you have a some more time, grab your prescription drugs; even more time – take important papers. Lastly if you have ample notice, then take those important pictures.

Prescriptions: Although you may have a pharmacy that keeps track of all your prescriptions, the pharmacy and your insurance company may not be willing to refill them before they are due for refill. Check with your pharmacy and insurance company on their policy.

Papers:

- Pack your important papers in a duffle bag and place somewhere that is easily accessible. Then, when you must evacuate, you just grab the bag. (Include extra checks, medical records, insurance policies, investment & bank records, precious photos and whatever else is important.)
- Backup all your documents and files located on your computer to a thumb drive or an external hard drive. Make documents and lists that gives you all your insurance policies numbers; insurance agents phone numbers; all your passcodes, family and other contact phone numbers. Then, when you must evacuate, just grab the drive. No need to take the whole computer or laptop. Get a program that automatically schedules backups on a regular basis (mine backs up every day). I use fBackup. It's free and easy to download and setup. <http://www.fbackup.com/>

Insurance tips:

- Take pictures of every room in your home and all your home belongings; save those on a computer thumb or external drive. Or print them and put them in your duffle bag.
- On your phone, put the phone number of your home insurance company and policy number. When you must evacuate, call insurance company immediately after you are safe to inform them you had to evacuate. That will put you on the top of the list of claims that will be processed.

General:

- Establish with a relative outside of your local area where all your family members can call to connect, find out their location, and even may be where you can stay.
- Program in all your family member's phone that relative's phone number.
- Stock your motor home with emergency food and supplies. It can be a great place as a refuge and emergency home.

If you have any other good ideas about emergency evacuation, please share with the club.

Be safe out there.....