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Special Covid-19 Edition

This edition of the Caravaner highlights the activities of our members while staying at home and social distancing.

I'll start with myself, David Hurley (Editor). As did everyone else, I had to cancel all my traveling plans which included the annual fishing trip to New Mexico with the Deep Creek Fly Fishing Club. So with the prospect of being confined to the house I decided to fire up the Ham Radio and make contacts with the rest of the USA and beyond. The rig would not operate properly on Single Side Band which is the same as our CB Radios in our rigs, just other bands. I couldn't have that, so I called Ham Radio Outlet in Anaheim and bought a new radio. I drove out there and they brought out the radio and accessories that I purchased with it and set it in my trunk and I drove home with it.



While things developed I decided I would join others in making masks and got the sewing machine out, set it up and turned it on. NOTHING! The screen was blank and nothing worked. Well I couldn't have that either so I bought a new Janome machine. Sharon sent me some elastic band material so I could make masks. I tried to buy my own but Amazon lost the package and I never got it.

So I have been keeping a little of the economy going by buying new toys! Hope everyone is healthy and finding fun activities to keep active and stay positive in this lockdown.

David Hurley Rig #229.

Bob and Di Filler, Rig #2783

In mid-February, our front door was left ajar and in wandered Riley Rose. These still photos inadequately describe the absolute chaos that has locked down the Filler household ever since!



Ron and Trudy Bostick, Rig #2742

Hi Caravan Members.

Trudy and I went to the Morro Bay meetup, hosted by Larry Wade and Rene. It was nice to meet the 'Yahoo's' again. It rained a lot, and social distancing did interfere a bit with proceedings. We came back to San Diego by way of four days at Jalama Beach, and one 'rained all night' stay at Refugio State park. We got home to San Diego, and were going to attend the Lake Skinner Caravan meeting, but heard that the people already there got kicked out, so we stayed home.

We have been under house arrest now for 50 days or so. We've been eating take out, and reading, binge watching old TV shows, Mentalist, and re watching some of our collection of movies. Repairing my landscaping, working on my cars. Best of all, putting in some long anticipated repairs/upgrades on the motorhome. Finishing my all LED lighting, putting in cabinet interior LED lights, cleaning and vacuuming, washing/waxing. Soon to upgrade my converter, add a TPMS, and be ready for longer trips when we can go again.

I've been learning to eat the food I cook, and getting better at preparing it, I hope. Trudy has been resting her knees. Her knee replacement has been delayed, but might be real soon after they allow 'elective' surgery again. We both are reading, and rereading our book collection. Magazines, newspapers also. Looking forward to getting out more, soon.

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 REPORT

Back Scratcher, Ursula Vorbeck Rig #2589
passed away of cancer March 11.

Bill Surbrook passed away April 16.

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Barbara Allen Rig #2990

Reading, checking out the nighttime bioluminescence and walking Captain around our MHP.



Carol Harter

I've been trying not to go stir crazy. My main activities are sewing, walking and talking to friends on Zoom. I had never heard of Zoom until March and now it's my lifesaver.

Attached are some pictures of my activities. A couple of quilting UFOS (unfinished objects) These are 2 projects I had forgotten that I even started. I've also made over 125 masks for family, friends and hospitals.

Thanks. I hope you are staying safe and well.



Al & Lydia Granger, Rig #2786

Thanks to Fluffy,I get to dog walk regularly to the park and rise my bike. Al goes hiking in the local hills I finish some more masks for friends and family today



Rubin & Jenny Pasillas, Rig #2767

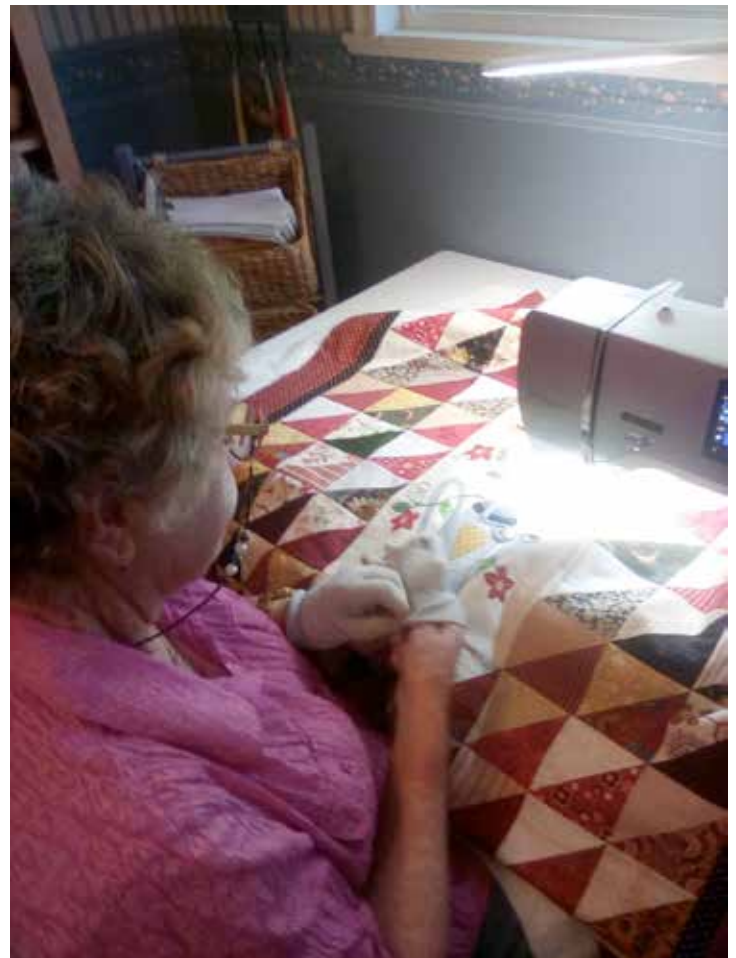
Ruben and I are doing a lot of cooking we have ate home cooked meals since this all started,I am working on trying to make Bread I have used a bread maker before but this time I want to do it the old fashioned way. We don't shop the kid's won't let us go to the stores and as you all know its hard to find Items that you need or are accustom to using so we do the best we can. I hope you are doing fine during this terrible time. If any one has a good bread recipes for sandwich bread please send it to me so i can try it out. Miss all of you dearly.



Claude & Carol Potts, Rig #2816

OK what have I been doing during the Covid 19 crisis. In mid-March, the day before my knee replacement surgery (that would be one thing), I prepped my 1972 Malibu for the paint shop and drove it down. Today it looks like the photos attached and is awaiting a thorough buffing and re-installation of all trim, moldings and bumpers. Factory color and fresh interior. Off the showroom floor look. Under the hood is a 485 HP modified engine, tied to a 6 speed auto trans which transfers to a 2:72 differential. Laid some tile, re-shelved my garage and workshop and am now sorting nuts and bolts back into their original containers. I removed some bushes, planted some roses and made sprinkler repairs. Fortunately, my surgeon does not know any of this!

Carol has spent much time as my nurse. But she has found time to complete two quilts and is working on her third. Using left over quilt material she makes 3 layer masks with an inside layer of felt. Every Sunday at 7 PM we join with our neighbors making all the noise we can. In our neighborhood of fifties and over we have a new family... a firefighter, a nurse and their 8 month old daughter. Nice to see them come out with smiles.



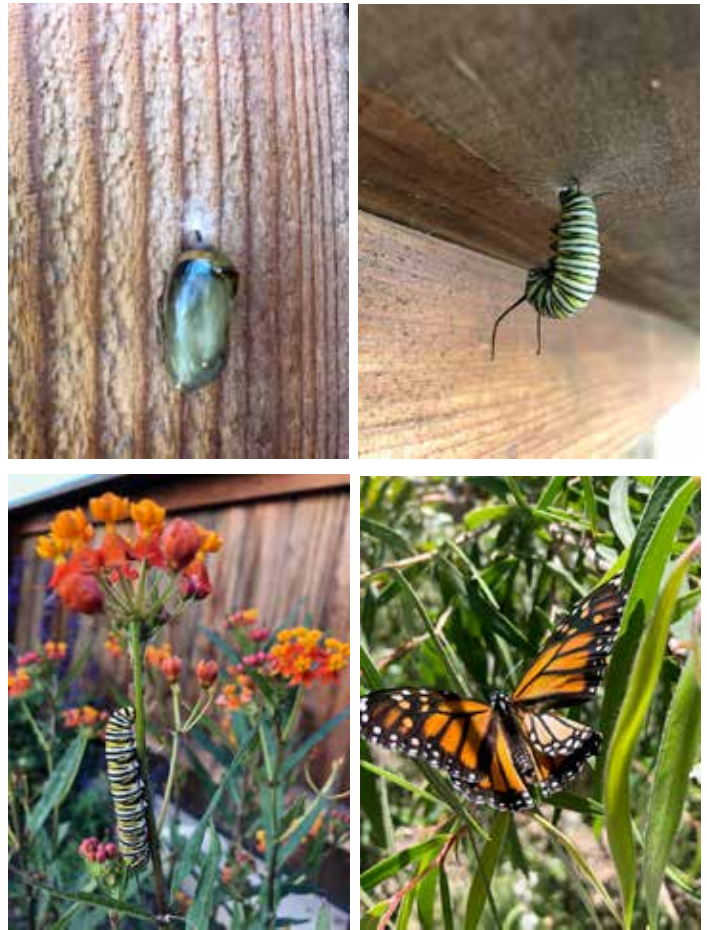
Herb Johnson,
This is what my two daughters and I have been doing, making masks, quilts and remember me bears for departed loved ones.



Warren and Sue Myers, Rig #3090

This is Warren and Sue Myers writing to report on our doings during the Stay At Home time.

One thing we've been doing is raising Monarch Butterflies. We planted lots of Milkweed and the Monarchs arrived, laid eggs. About 13 caterpillars hatched and grew-up from the eggs, feasting on the Milkweed. About eight of those caterpillars pupated and four new Monarch butterflies hatched from the pupae. All of this during the time of the stay at home - we think that this just shows that life transforms and carries on...



Terry & Eloth Burnes, Rig #2826

I've been spending my time in isolation building a Marklin Z-gauge model railroad, starting with some gear I've had for years but that has not been in use, then buidling up from there. Here is a photo from a couple of weeks ago. A bit more has been added since.



My wife El has been doing jig saw puzzles, knitting and reading. Here is one puzzle she finished.



Tom Jan Hiemstra, Rig #2720

We are spending our time, Tom, reading and craving, some yard work and house work. TV alot, ha! Jan is sewing crafts and working on a huge puzzle. TV alot and checking out sights on the internet. We have a glass of wine or a coke every afternoon about 4 on our front patio . Look for birds and a neighbor going by some time.. Being lazy and wearing pjs till noon . Having food delivered, and some take out. Doing ok. Take care all.

Eliot Shimer, Rig #2815

I keep busy biking about 25 miles a day, zooming with my kids in Honolulu, NY, and Boston, reading, and driving neighbors for doctor visits. It's a lonely life but I am still hopeful and looking for change. I still hope I can, once again, drive my Lazy Daze east to visit the kids and grandkids, but 95 years are gradually catching up to me. Cheers to all!

Gary & Jean Phillips, Rig #2750

We are basically grounded go out for essentials only. Unable to camp as most campgrounds have been closed. We do yard work, Jean reads and walks dog, Gary is either napping or working on the computer. We're looking forward to reconnect with our LD friends

Dan Lynn Stiegler, Rig #2535

We are taking walks in the neighborhood, gardening and enjoying our front yard. Also sorting and scanning photo albums from way back.



Vern & Charlene Tutterrow, Rig#1222

During the corona virus self isolation, I have been pretty much staying at home and surprisingly to me, I am not bored. The first couple of days after restrictions were ordered, I took my Mustang to finish a repair, made a fast trip to Home Depot and Target, and accompanied Vern to the ophthalmologist, but that was all, I have not been out anywhere since where I should wear a face mask. Vern has been doing all the shopping, which he normally does anyway. Cheyenne and I have gone with him a couple of times and remained in the car.

In the meantime I did do some gardening and would do more if it were not so warm out. I have spent most of my time cleaning and reorganizing the den/office room. I have completely emptied 15 drawers, 8 cabinets, an 80+ year old writing desk that originally belonged to my mother, lots of shelving and rearranged and thrown out lots of stuff. A lot of it makes me wonder whatever was the reason that I kept this item? I can now get into a couple of cabinets that were previously blocked by stuff. Oh yes, I also went through all 4 drawers (and every folder) of my metal file cabinet and shredded old papers. I ended up with five 13 gallon bags of shredded paper, which I threw out because the Drifters will be using a propane fire from now on. I discovered my tub with genealogy papers and research and got side tracked with that on the computer for a couple of weeks before resuming the room cleanup.

So now I'm done with the room, I'm sure I will find something else to work on – gardening, my stamps, genealogy, maybe some sewing. In the meantime I do enjoy looking out my kitchen window at the flowers and hope to see all of you soon.



LOVETT Rich Georgeann, Rig #3025

Our son and daughter-in-law and granddaughters wanted to have a “stay-cation”, so they asked for our rig to park in their driveway. They “stayed” there 3 nights. Sunday, we took our camping chairs out of the rig and sat at the curb at our son’s house and watched Greg and the girls play Washer Toss. It was pure joy – so funny. We really enjoyed it. And, the kids and Greg enjoyed playing the game. Each team won one game each and so we had to hold a 3rd tie breaker game. Team Miah (11) and Aliyah (9) won! Greg (47) wasn’t making many points – Genevah (7) was making most of them and it literally was a tie until the very end of the 3rd game. A real cliff hanger! Here is a picture of the winners.



Rich is spending his time at home making jewelry boxes for each of our three granddaughters. Here he is in the garage doing his “magic”.



Johns Hopkins University has sent this detailed note on avoiding the contagion:

* The virus is not a living organism, but a protein molecule (DNA) covered by a protective layer of lipid (fat), which, when absorbed by the cells of the ocular, nasal or buccal mucosa, changes their genetic code (mutation) and converts them into aggressor and multiplier cells.

* Since the virus is not a living organism but a protein molecule, it is not killed, but decays on its own. The disintegration time depends on the temperature, humidity and type of material where it lies.

* The virus is very fragile; the only thing that protects it is a thin outer layer of fat. That is why any soap or detergent is the best remedy, because the foam CUTS the FAT (that is why you have to rub so much: for 20 seconds or more, to make a lot of foam). By dissolving the fat layer, the protein molecule disperses and breaks down on its own.

* HEAT melts fat; this is why it is so good to use water above 25 degrees Celsius (77 degrees F) for washing hands, clothes and everything. In addition, hot water makes more foam and that makes it even more useful.

* Alcohol or any mixture with alcohol over 65% DISSOLVES ANY FAT, especially the external lipid layer of the virus.

* Any mix with 1 part bleach and 5 parts water directly dissolves the protein, breaks it down from the inside.

* Oxygenated water helps long after soap, alcohol and chlorine, because peroxide dissolves the virus protein, but you have to use it pure and it hurts your skin.

* NO BACTERICIDE KILLS THE VIRUS. The virus is not a living organism like bacteria; you cannot kill what is not alive with antibiotics; but must quickly disintegrate its structure with everything said above.

* NEVER shake used or unused clothing, sheets or cloths. While it is glued to a porous surface, it is very inert and disintegrates only between 3 hours (fabric and porous), 4 hours (copper, because it is naturally antiseptic; and wood, because it removes all the moisture and does not let it peel off and



disintegrates), 24 hours (cardboard), 42 hours (metal) and 72 hours (plastic). But if you shake it or use a feather duster, the virus molecules float in the air for up to 3 hours, and can lodge in your nose.

* The virus molecules remain very stable in external cold, or artificial cold, such as with air conditioners in houses and cars. The virus also needs moisture to stay stable, and especially darkness. Therefore, dehumidified, dry, warm and bright environments will degrade it faster.

* UV LIGHT on any object that may contain it breaks down the virus protein. For example, to disinfect and reuse a mask is perfect. Be careful, UV light also breaks down collagen (which is protein) in the skin, eventually causing wrinkles and skin cancer.

* The virus CANNOT go through healthy skin.

* Vinegar is NOT useful because it does not break down the protective layer of fat.

* NO SPIRITS, NOR VODKA, serve to kill the virus. The strongest vodka is 40% alcohol, and you need 65% alcohol.

* LISTERINE SERVES TO KILL THE VIRUS! It is 65% alcohol. Do not drink; but can be used to kill the virus on surfaces.

* The more confined the space, the more concentration of the virus there can be. The more open or naturally ventilated, the less.

* This bears repeating, you must wash your hands before and after touching mucosa, food, locks, knobs, switches, remote control, cell phone, watches, computers, desks, TV, etc. And when using the bathroom.

* You have to HUMIDIFY DRY HANDS from washing them so much, because the molecules can hide in the micro cracks. The thicker the moisturizer, the better.

* Also keep your NAILS SHORT so that the virus does not hide there.

Georgeann

To my 'Keepers'

I grew up with practical parents. A mother, God love her, who washed aluminum foil after she cooked in it, then reused it. She was the original recycle queen before they had a name for it. A father who was happier getting old shoes fixed than buying new ones.

Their marriage was good, their dreams focused. Their best friends lived barely a wave away.

I can see them now, Dad in trousers, tee shirt and a hat and Mom in a house dress, lawn mower in one hand, and dishtowel in the other. It was the time for fixing things. A curtain rod, the kitchen radio, screen door, the oven door, the hem in a dress. Things we keep.

It was a way of life, and sometimes it made me crazy. All that re-fixing, eating, renewing, I wanted just once to be wasteful. Waste meant affluence. Throwing things away meant you knew there'd always be more.

But then my mother died, and on that clear summer's night, in the warmth of the hospital room, I was struck with the pain of learning that sometimes there isn't any more.

Sometimes, what we care about most gets all used up and goes away ... never to return. So ... While we have it ... it's best we love it ... And care for it ... And fix it when it's broken ... And heal it when it's sick.

This is true. For marriage ... And old cars ... And children with bad report cards ... And dogs with bad hips ... And aging parents ... And grandparents. We keep them because they are worth it, because we are worth it. Some things we keep. Like a best friend that moved away or a classmate we grew up with.

There are just some things that make life important, like people we know who are special ... And so, we keep them close!

