

# THE CARAVANER

June 2007

## The Wagon Master's Message

Welcome To Hurkey Creek!

Where has the year gone? This time last year we were on our way to Cheyenne to get ready for the clubs 50th Anniversary celebration. That June Caravan was not the typical Lazy Daze outing; now we're back on track with our normal agenda where we are returning once again to Hurkey Creek. It's been since June 2003 that the caravan has traveled up the mountain and it's sure nice to be back! The records indicate that we've been coming here every June since 1987 except for the two years we were fortunate to camp around the lakes at Santee.

I don't know about you, but the clean fresh air and the lingering smell of pine brings back wonderful memories of when Don & I first began camping. Weekends we would head to the mountains to escape the inland summer heat; not in the luxury of a Lazy Daze, but roughing it in the back of a pick-up truck, (we couldn't afford a tent) sleeping in the open bed under a million stars sparking through the tree tops was the best. In the morning, the tail-gate would quickly be transformed into a cooking platform where the smell of bacon added to the whiff of the campfire that merged with the fresh aroma of the pine trees. Those were the days; youth was definitely on our side and we firmly believed that this was the only way to camp. We pooh-pawed those around us that "brought their house with them"; "that's not camping!" we would confidently proclaim. It's amazing how attitudes change as we get older and maybe even a little wiser. Now we're the ones that "brought their house with them" and loving every minute. Comfort and convenience have become our top priorities; but that doesn't mean we can't enjoy and experience all those wonderful elements of the great outdoors. Just take a moment and step outside of your Lazy Daze and pause to smell the fragrance of the pine trees, savor the clean, crisp fresh air. At night after all the lights are out and the campfires have died down venture out of the rig, and look up at the spectacle of those millions of stars and remember the days when roughing it seemed so right. Everything is right in it's time.

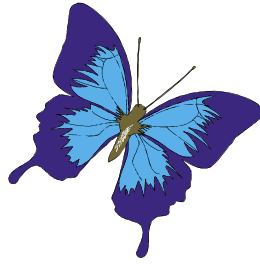
The June caravan is always considered to be a laid-back outing; only a few activities are schedule so there'll be lots of time to sit back and enjoy the surroundings. Maybe even a short drive into Idyllwild for lunch or dinner, or shopping in the many galleries will fit the bill. The best part is that there'll be plenty of time to visit with your Lazy Daze friends.

Don & I will be leaving next week for an eight week trip up the California/Oregon coast. The plan is to thoroughly explore Portland/Vancouver, and the Columbia River area; before we head to Mossyrock on Riffe Lake, just north of Mt. St. Helens to attend the Lazy Daze Northwest Group get-together. Then on to Seattle to see the sights and visit with relatives; and maybe we'll investigate Victoria Island, British Columbia if we get that far. No definite itinerary, just a general idea of the direction of travel.

I do hope you have wonderful plans for the summer, be it traveling or taking care of things at home. Take care, stay healthy and be ready for our September Caravan at Indian Hill Ranch. Happy & Safe Travels to all,

*Rosemary*

## A Word From Your Assistant Wagon Master



Here we are back at Hurkey Creek. It has been awhile since we were here. I always liked parking among the pine trees. Let's hope that this will be another great campout as I know it will.

Last month at Live Oak we had a grand time of it. The weather was perfect with the exception of some wind here and there. Too bad it was so dry. We saw turkeys but no deer this year. Two foxes were spotted, but no cougar like last year. No grass made the pickings pretty slim for all the wild life.

I want to thank you again for providing me with a wonderful dinner along with dessert on Friday night. All kidding aside, the finger food feast was a big success. You always out due yourselves when it comes to fixing goodies for all of us to try. I picked up two recipes that night. Can't wait for the next one!

The Craft Sale on Saturday was a bustle with prospective buyers. I was one of them. There are certainly a lot of talented people out there. I bet we haven't even taped the surface. I hope that more of you sign up next year to show off your wares and maybe make a little money on top of it. It is such a good time to buy Christmas presents for family and friends. Thanks to all of you for sharing your talents. Speaking of sharing, Mona Shaner took on 10 of us on Thursday to show us how to make a sweatshirt jacket. It was to be covered with patches of coordinated squares. The ladies worked all day Thursday and part of Friday. I was one of them and I must say that from what I saw the jackets are going to be spectacular. Thank you Mona for all of your patients and your time. We all appreciate it very much. We can't wait to show off what you taught us to make.

Now I wish you a very pleasant stay and have a great Campout here at Hurkey Creek. I will see you out and about. Remember "Laughter is a bodily exercise, precious to health."

Linda Geneser Assistant Wagon Master

## Goodwill Ambassador Report



We recently lost two former members of our Lazy Daze Family. Cards were sent to Lois Schunter for the loss of Frank #1918. They were with the Past Tents. If you would like to send along your personal message to Lois Schunter, her address is 426 MacKenzie Place, Hayward, CA 94544.

Also, we sent a card to Fran Moynier for the loss of Al #1180. Fran and Al had been on 135 caravans with the Card Shufflers Group before he died. The address for Fran Moynier is 40 Almond Ave., Oak View, CA 93022, if you would like to send her a card.

Shirley Monteith #1507 of the Lazy Gourmets had surgery for a major broken ankle and we sent along a card from us all. What were you doing, Shirley?

Joe Gibbs #2641 of the Roadrunners has had his prostrate implants since last caravan. We would like to think that we will not be seeing his name in this news report in the future. It is time for you to have some good luck.

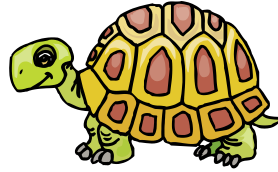
Now last but not the least, Byron Shaner #2817 of the Back Scratchers has had a total knee replacement and he will not be on this caravan at Hurkey Creek. This also means that your Goodwill Ambassador will not be available if you should have anything to report to me. Please send any news via e-mail and show LAZY DAZE in the subject line.

Mona Shaner

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## TEAM TURTLE!!!

You did it again!! Thank you for your beautiful gifts to the kids.



I received 21 afghans at the Live Oak campout bringing our total to over 125 afghans for Painted Turtle 2007 summer camp session. The kids will love these brightly colored coverings.

Carole Hurley brought 12 afghans

Linda Geneser 2

Delores Thimlar 2 blankets and 1 afghan, "steady"

Freddie Whitney 1

Carol Hyland 3.

I will NOT be at the June Caravan, so all afghans made from now on will go toward the 2008 summer session. Keep up the good work and remember if you are bored this summer go to Michaels or Joann's and check out the yarn sales. I will be at Indian Hills for my next collection time. Again thank you all and have a wonderful summer.

Jane, the Afghan Collector

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## HIGHWAY HUGS

Laureta & Joe Gibbs (AKA Mama & Papa Bear)

What a wonderful bunch of critters we got at the Live Oak Caravan. WOW!!!!!! Thanks to all for remembering that this is an ongoing project! We are heading off to distribute the critters to CHP offices at the end of June. The officers are looking forward to restocking their waning supplies. This will also be when we deliver our first bears to the CHP San Diego office where our son and daughter-in-law now work. Once again our grateful "thank yous" to each and all who participate in support of this terrific project. You are responsible for making traumatized children less so and helping them helps the people who are assisting with the situation. In fact last month a caravaner told us of a situation involving someone she knew where a child was comforted by the bear given to her by the officer at the scene. See? It does work!!!!!! Thank you!!!!

Lazy Daze Caravaner

## WOMEN ONLY

Laureta Gibbs (Mama Bear)



Laureta Gibbs (AKA Mama Bear)

We had a wonderful turnout for our May meeting. Of course the chocolate was a small draw, but the featured speaker was, I believe, the true reason. It was a real joy and pleasure to introduce our daughter, Adrea, to the group. She was visiting for a few hours and I asked her to speak to the group and share some of her experiences. We are extremely proud of her and her many, many accomplishments. Makes our lives sound a bit dull by comparison! It was fun to share her with the group.

She did that and, I believe, charmed everyone with her ability to capture an audience with her array of experiences and ease of delivery. She does that with our family all of the time! She told of her time spent performing in "CATS" in the USA and in Germany, where she also performed in "Starlight Express" (on roller skates while acting and singing!). A significant portion of time went to describing her experiences in India, where she worked at a theme park for almost two years. The challenges she faced there would have brought most of us to our knees. She told of how much education she has received as a result of her travels around the world. How working with people of different ethnicities, cultures, and varying degrees of education opened her eyes to the wonders of diversity. All of her learning has then rubbed off on her family. A bonus!!!

This month it will be back to listening to me ... but I hope you will come anyway. It might be a letdown ... but I will try to keep you from dozing off!!!! We have some "old business" to discuss as well as "new business". Please come and enjoy this special time when we get to enjoy the company of some really special women ... and maybe, together, we can gather some interesting and useful information! Hope so!!!!



## SAFETY COMMITTEE MESSAGE

We all know that our Safety Committee responds when a CODE BLUE (medical) or a CODE RED (fire/smoke) alert is announced. Have you ever wondered what the Committee members are trained to do at such times? Perhaps I should explain.

### CODE BLUE

All the medically trained Safety Committee members in camp will proceed immediately to the alert area with First Aid kits. After determining the nature and severity of the condition, emergency First Aid procedures will be applied. If the patients condition indicates that other measures are needed, Paramedics will be called. Members not directly involved with the patient will assist as required and provide a calming influence for an anxious spouse.

Fire Team members will go promptly to the area to provide crowd control and traffic directions for the emergency vehicles that may be needed.

### CODE RED

Fire Team members will rush to the area, with their fire extinguishers, and apply fire suppression techniques as required. As soon as fire or smoke is confirmed, the fire department will be summoned. Other members will assist as needed, provide crowd control, and be available to direct emergency vehicles to the area. (Note: California fire laws require that a fire department must be called for all fire and possible fire [smoke] conditions.) They file an official report which is also required for insurance claims.

First Aid members will bring First Aid kits to provide emergency care for any injuries that may be encountered.

This covers the Safety Teams' activities!

However, everyone in camp has a vital role in these experiences. The person who reports an emergency should provide clear instructions on the location. Headlights may be turned on. Intermittent honking of horn could help. For all of us, advanced precautions are a must. As soon as we park, mark our location on grid map provided with the "Caravaner". (If we know where we are, it will be easier to tell someone else.) It is most important that we keep our medical forms current and in our freezer. Changes in medications and doctor's names should be up to date. The Paramedics rely on this information. We do not want them relying on old, expired information. It could hurt you!

DO NOT USE C.B. CHANNEL 30 UNTIL "ALL CLEAR" IS ANNOUNCED.

Don Richards, Chairman

Safety Committee



Dan Doran instructing us on the use of the fire extinguisher



Di Filler learning how to use the fire extinguisher



# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all who worked the host at Live Oak. We had some new faces which was a very good thing. I am always anxious to help new hosts as they come to do their greetings.

### Your volunteers were:

Vern and Charlene Tutterrow  
George and Rosie Reeder  
Allen and Sue Mercer  
Bob and LuAnne Lowe  
Ed and Dottie Carey  
Lurlie Edgecomb  
Ed and Shirley Potter  
Bill Arthur  
Betty Boshma  
Herb and Marion Coddington  
Jack and Sue Walker  
Greg and Sue Young  
Paul and Ursula Grinde  
Mike and Margaret Skinner  
Juergen Richardt  
George and Alice Parrish  
Gordon and Dottie Greene  
Bob and Margo Kody  
Rod and Michele Murphy  
Carl and Jean Orr  
Jim and Ann Cook  
The "Class C Campers"  
And the Roadrunners

What a great group. Thank you again and remember if you haven't worked the Host tent and you would like to give it a try, come see me and I will show you the ropes.

Linda Geneser  
Assistant Wagon Master





# Welcome To Our First Timers!



Larry and Sharon Turner #2932 Yorba Linda, CA



Joan Taylor #2933 San Jose, CA



Lester "Steve" Stevens #2934 Concord, CA

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## Washer Toss Winners



1st place winners: Dave Hurley and Velna Wells.  
2nd place: Joe Gibbs and Joanne Wayne

## Horseshoe Winners



Horseshoe winners: Carl Orr and Marion Coddington



Frank and Pam Simerly #2230 100th



Mike and Dottie Baird #2158 100th



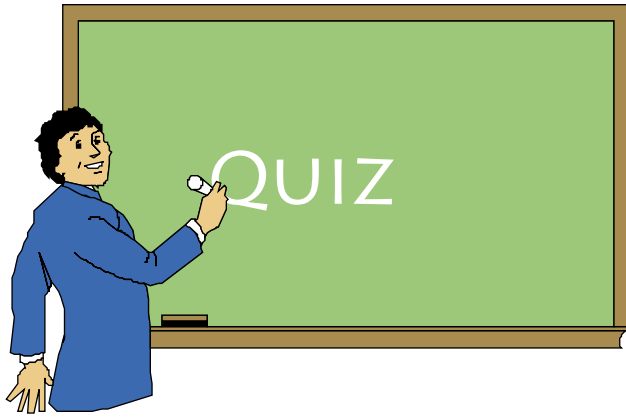
Howard and Rose Cleek #2298 125th



Betty Boschma and Bill Arthur #1483 200th







## Think about It!

Following are several questions with only one correct answer. The first person to present themselves, and the correct answers to these questions, at the Host Tent on Saturday morning at 8:30 AM will receive considerable respect from their fellow caravaners - and a prize. This challenge is presented by the Class "C" Campers, however only one person has the correct answers. The Caravan Editor and those involved in review and pre-release of Caravaner are not eligible for the prize.

Q: The maker doesn't want it; the buyer doesn't use it; and the user doesn't even see it. What is it?

Q: There is one word in the English language that is always pronounced incorrectly. What is it?

Q: What is it that goes up and goes down but does not move?

Q: Before Mount Everest was discovered, what was the highest mountain on earth?

Q: What is the one thing that all wise men, regardless of their religion or politics, agree is between heaven and earth?

Q: How could you rearrange the letters in the words "new door" to make one word?

Q: Which is correct to say, "The yolk of the egg \*are\* white" or "The yolk of the egg \*is\* white"?

### And the tie breaker:

Q: A bear walks south for one kilometer, then it walks west for one kilometer, then it walks north for one kilometer and ends up at the same point from which it started. What color was the bear?

See 'ya at 8:30!!!  
Claude Potts

Puzzles devised by © Kevin Stone [[www.brainbashers.com](http://www.brainbashers.com)]



Don Ashley retires from the Executive Board



New Executive Board: Joe Gibbs, Rosemary Webb, Barbara Berggreen, Bob Filler, Linda Geneser and Gene Caulfield



# The Future of June Caravans

Submitted by Your Wagon Master

I have been scouring the camping books, scores of maps, and the internet, looking for a new location for future June Caravans all without much success.

The Memorial Day weekend always signals the beginning of summer travel for the majority of Americans. Finding a location after this holiday for a single rig is a challenge, not to mention finding a place to put 75 to a 100 rigs! Any and all beaches you can immediately rule out since the summer crowds fill every niche. The desert is unthinkable this time of the year as the temperatures are in the triple digits. Because of supply and demand the private campgrounds can and will get full price for a single site so negotiating a group discount is not an option. Most of the public campgrounds in the High Sierras do not take reservations and never knowing how many will attend an outing, finding a suitable location of this type is next to impossible. It is without a doubt a major problem.

Because this is your club, I asked for your thoughts at Live Oak regarding the June Caravan and Hurkey Creek. Many of you replied with some interesting views. The majority wanted to keep the June Caravan but didn't want to go to Hurkey Creek, although most didn't have a workable alternative. Then there are those of you that love Hurkey Creek and are glad we returned this year. There were some that it didn't matter if we had a June caravan or not and a few said they wouldn't go in June no matter where it was. Some speculated that if we dropped the June outing then September's caravan would surely be eliminated also. That reasoning is so incredibly difficult for me to comprehend! There is no rhyme or reason to that line of thinking! September's Caravan is one that many (including myself) look forward to the most; it's a time to renew friendships and we're all eager to get back into the caravanning mode. In no way would I ever consider dropping the September Caravan! Period!!!

I mentioned in the Wagon Masters Message, we have been coming to Hurkey Creek since 1987; here they have a group area where we all fit with dispersed parking among beautiful pine trees and because of

the higher elevation most of the time the weather has been very comfortable (except for a year when the temps reached 106°). Yes, the road is twisty, (so is San Marcos Pass!) a better alternative to get to Hurkey Creek is the back-way through Anza and Hwy 371; it's a bit longer but a very pleasant drive. And yes there are no hook-ups, (where are the hook-ups at Live Oak?) and it can be dusty (and Live Oak isn't?!). I use Live Oak as comparisons because the settings are very similar. Not to mention it's your favorite place to go twice a year. The up side to Hurkey Creek is that it's a beautiful place where we can have the occasion to come together. As one member so aptly pointed out, "*It doesn't matter to me where we go it's the chance to come together that really counts.*" Plus, there are nice new rest rooms with showers! And Hurkey Creek isn't too far for the majority to travel, and the fees are reasonable too. Only the pavilion is missing.

If there isn't the numbers of participants to justify what the club is charged; I will have to make an assessment if it's plausible to keep the June Caravan. Right now it is apparent that Hurkey Creek is about the only location that is do-able this time of the year. The bottom line is..... it's either Hurkey Creek or no June Caravan. There is the possibility of moving the dates to the first week in June (leaving only 3 weeks between caravans) with the likelihood it won't interfere with graduations, Father Day, weddings, etc. which might improve the rig count. It's your club and you're the ones that determine the attendance at each outing. If I had my way, there would be a caravan all twelve months!

As always I am eager for any input you have on locations and will check each and every venue to see if it's workable. If you have any thoughts or ideas on sites to investigate, please let me know. Jot the name and location on a piece of paper because my memory gets clogged at times.

I thank you all for your input. It does matter to me what you think and remember I can only hope to please the majority.



## SWEAT SHOP SHIRT CRAFT CLASS

Well this the first time that I know of where the audience was greater than the class members.

The class consisted of Di Filler, Linda Geneser, LuAnn Lowe, Marjorie Richards, Barbara Sitts and Francis Smith. The audience was too many to mention here. The teacher was hoping she could hold their interest for at least an hour. Needless to say that the class which started at 10:30 on Thursday morning was still going strong at 4:00 in the afternoon, it stopped then because the teacher didn't want to miss Happy Hour. She felt she really needed a beverage of unspecified content.

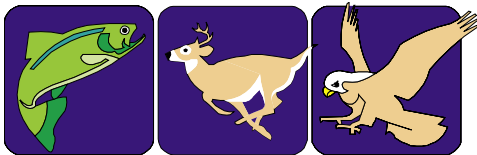


Di Filler with her Sweatshirt

Everyone was having a wonderful time watching how their little pieces of fabric were turning into an original colorful masterpiece. They were so excited that they put in about three hours again on Friday. Before we knew it the audience had split into little groups to encourage the class members with their input. Each of the jackets will be colorful as the Arizona landscape, Oriental design, softness of blues and pinks or the golden of sunrise.

The audience wanted to know when there would be another class for them and the teacher said she would like this class to complete their jackets and have a fashion show that would be an introduction to the next class. Live Oak has lots of nice tables which make this a good place for this type of class as you can work as long as you like without interruption.

Mona Shaner



## Mother Nature

Those chortling, gobbly sounds woke me up two mornings at Live Oak before Rosemary could with her cheerfulness at 8. Though far from domesticated, each day two to five adult, wild turkeys would amble through camp pecking at and scratching up the leaf litter deposited beneath the oak trees. The mule deer yearling's and does stayed farther out, but were seen at the edges of camp. There are large carp in what is left of the creek; a situation we usually see in the fall. There were many young ground squirrels, at least one bat, a snake, and a "first" for us.....Grey foxes. They came at night to check out cookies on a table and froze in the glare of a Cleek flashlight.



Western bluebirds were busy nesting as were the oak titmice, house finches, black phoebes and western house wrens. Acorn woodpeckers were conspicuous whereas the brown towhees were not. A red-tailed hawk could be heard and later was seen soaring. It, the turkey vultures and the American crows were chased by smaller birds who are more agile because they are smaller. Definite territorial behav-

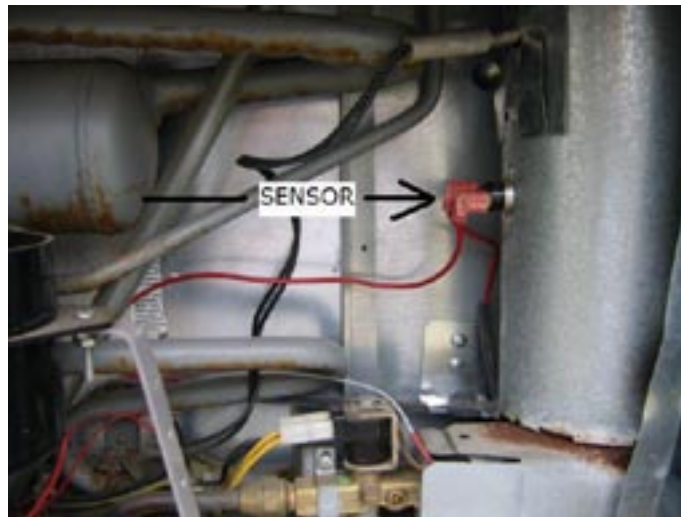
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In May, 2007, I took my 2001 *Lazy Daze* Rear Bath in for the recall “fix”. I went to Metro RV in Burbank, California. The actual working time to install the “fix” was about 30 minutes once the technician got to it.

The recall is for some refrigerators manufactured by Dometic between April 1997 and May 2003. The problem is with a fatigue crack that can develop in the refrigerant tubing. The crack can cause the refrigerant, which has a small amount of explosive hydrogen gas, to leak. The hydrogen gas can ignite when it comes in contact with the burner flame. In April 1997, Dometic started using a slightly “hotter” (354 watt) ac heating element and went back to the older “cooler” (325 watt) element in May 2003.

The fix consists of a sheet metal containment housing that covers four of the six sides around the burner. The sheet metal covers the bottom, the back, the forward side of the burner, and a removable front piece. It appears that the purpose of the sheet metal is to contain a “flash” fire and to keep it from spreading to the combustible materials in the refrigerator compartment. A high temperature sensor is attached to the burner stack and its job is to turn off the refrigerator if the temperature in the burner stack gets too high. There is also a “fusible link” that will turn off the refrigerator if there is a fire outside the burner area.

At the May Caravan, one Caravaner that had the fix completed had problems with his refrigerator turning itself off. We compared his installation with mine and his temperature sensor was mounted much lower on the burner stack. The installation instructions indicate that the height of the temperature sensor should be about as shown in the Photograph below. Check this height before the front panel is installed.



Note: Front Panel is removed. Note “Sensor” position relative to the “Tank”

Techsnoz, the “Tech Talk” website.

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

Terry Tanner Rig #2779



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ior. Scrub jays were raucous, but the Boat-tailed grackles were more entertaining with their posturing and thrown back heads.. The violet-green swallows were performing acrobatic aerial maneuvers while scooping up mouthfuls of insects.

House wrens are also strictly insect eaters. They nest in all sorts of cavities while searching bark, leaves, and ground squirrel holes for their meals. Very small and brown, the erect tail helps in their identification. Another small bird seen on the ground quite often is the grayer oak titmouse. It is the smallest bird with a crest. While insects, seeds and fruit are their mainstays, these birds will come to a feed tray and stay to attack reflective surfaces. They also use woodpeckers holes and tree cavities for "their" nests.

The oak-chaparral community is a terrific environment for all the animals we have encountered. The oaks provide food, shelter, support and nesting areas. The turkeys use the lower branches for roosting and search for mushy acorns and insects beneath the fallen leaves. The acorn woodpeckers make small holes for stuffing acorns in and larger holes for their nests (later to be reused by other

bird life). Hurkey Creek will be a different habitat and a different story. Let's see what we find there. Help me look, please.

Mother Nature

aka Lurlie Edgecomb #2285

# ? 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**

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

## CHURCH OF THE LAZY DAZE



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**Sunday 8:30 a.m.**

## From the Editor

Thank you for welcoming me as your Newsletter Editor.

As you know, the Caravaner consists of articles submitted by the Lazy Daze Members. I have enjoyed reading the contributions provided in the past and look forward to new ones as I continue producing the Caravaner.

The deadline for articles is the Sunday following each Caravan. Please e-mail articles as Word documents or in Text format when possible. Clean hard copy prints can also be submitted but I don't guarantee spelling and punctuation after I scan and run my OCR (optical character recognition) program on them.



Thank you for your continuing support in the production of the Caravaner.

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