

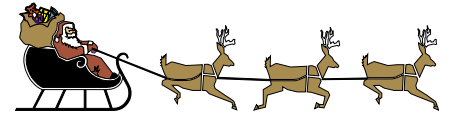
# THE CARAVANER

November 2007



## The Wagon Master's Message

Happy Holiday and Welcome to our Christmas Party!



Here it is the end of the year already and what a year it has been! It doesn't seem possible that this is our ninth caravan of 2007!

October's caravan was an unusual outing filled with adversity, the kind we have never before experienced. Lazy Dazers are known for not letting wind, rain, even snow stand in their way of getting to a caravan; nor this time did the raging infernos keep some of you from returning to Butterfield Ranch.

The uncertainty of whether to cancel the caravan was heavy on my mind as most of the major roads were being closed due to either fires or high winds. After assessing the huge complexity of contacting all the members in order to notify them of a canceled caravan, I decided that was not a viable option. So Don & I drove on out to Butterfield thinking we might be the only ones there. I truly didn't think anyone would even contemplate making their way through the firestorms that covered such vast areas. But oh-my-gosh! 64 of you made a colossal effort and came in spite of the adversities. Those that braved the elements were rewarded with bright blue skies, not a speck of smoke or ash, no wind, and the most comfortable temperatures we've experienced in a very long time. We did have to "struggle" and get along without electricity for 2 1/2 days as the entire Julian grid was shut down because of the fires. Without electricity the well pumps could not work; so the very thoughtful managers drove twelve miles to Scissors Crossing to meet the Ice Truck and brought back over 30 bags of ice (free) for those that didn't come with a full tank of water. As one perceptive Lazy Dazer so aptly stated, "Aren't we blessed having no electricity is our only problem!" Most events were canceled except for Washer Toss and of course the Halloween Freaky Friday was a huge success; we all congregated around the brightly lit swimming pool and what a great time we had! The decorations were terrific; so many Lazy Dazers created some very clever costumes that were truly incredible, even our 1st Timers and the Ranch Managers took part and dressed in costume. It was a much needed relief from all the tragedy that was happening to the west of us. Saturday, our guest speaker from the Wild Animal Park was able to make his way via Temecula to come and give a talk about the California Condors; he enlighten us about the process of evacuating all 24 of the endangered birds, in the dark, as the fire raced toward them; all of the birds were saved but one of the new flight cages burned to the ground. A gallant effort was made by everyone who came to Butterfield Ranch and for this my gratitude is immense. You are real troopers!

The December Caravan is always a very exceptional one (not that all of them aren't!) The fact that we get to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with our special Lazy Daze friends is what sets it apart from all the rest. What a better way then to spend these four fun filled days getting in the Christmas spirit!

There is so much going on you will need a date book to keep track of everything you'll want to take part in. All of the regular activities are on the docket, plus some special events you won't want to miss like; our semi-annual Craft Sale, the 2nd annual Len Philippi Memorial Washer Toss Championship games, the Christmas Party Saturday night beginning with a pot-luck Finger Food Feast and topping it off with heaps of fun dancing and/or listening to the Rhythm Rangers – these events not only provide us with a wealth of good times, but more importantly brings us together as one big group, giving you an opportunity to meet and make new friends. We'll be there; we hope to see you there too!

Don & I want to extend our deepest thanks to each of you for making this year so fantastic! We did have to make a few adjustments on the fly a couple of times, but you Lazy Dazers are so adaptable and always make each outing a winner no matter what is thrown our way.

We wish everyone a most wonderful Christmas and glorious holiday season; and that the coming year is good to you in both health and happiness, but most important, that you have safe travels no matter where that Lazy Daze takes you!

*Rosemary*

## A Word From Your Assistant Wagon Master

On the long drive home last month, I had time to reflect on the week we spent at Butterfield. Gary and I had never been there before and we were sorry for that. It must have been a very nice place. Now it is brand new and very lovely. The camp hosts did their very best to make us feel welcome. They even joined us for Freaky Friday and had a good time. They also came in costume. Each of them had an eye painted in the center of their foreheads. Mr. and Mrs. Cyclops. We had a good laugh over that. As you know, Halloween is one of my favorite holidays for decorating. I love to put up the scary and sometimes noisy displays. And of coarse dressing up for the gathering on Friday night is also special. I had a good time getting Gary ready in his costume. I thought he looked very handsome in his pirate garb. I am already thinking about next years getup and I hope you are too. It was so wonderful to see so many of you in costume. It warmed my heart. That's what it is all about - fun, fun, and more fun. It's good for the soul to let your "hair" down once in awhile and let loose.

I made a new friend by the name of Jonathan. He was the young son of one of our first timers. He took to me as I took to him. I asked if he would like to carve a pumpkin and I didn't have to ask him twice. He didn't have one so I gave him one of the extra ones to carve had and he did one great job. He was my 'left arm' and helped me put batteries in a few things and also helped Laurie and the other caravaners decorate the pool area for Freaky Friday. He was a big help to us all and was a pleasure to have around.

Now it is time for me to think about getting this to press. I look forward to seeing you all in and around the campground. Let's make this outing one of the very best and end this year on a very happy note. Have a wonderful campout and I will see you out and about.

Your Assistant Wagon Master,

*Linda*



## Goodwill Ambassador Report

This last month we saw the passing of two former members of our caravan club. Chuck Carr #2159 died of cancer on October 11th. He was formerly with the Bun Busters. For those of you who have celebrated New Year's at Death Valley in the past years might recall he was a.k.a Chuck 'Chivas' Carr. He was also noted for collecting Green Bay Packer memorabilia on occasion.



Another former Lazy Dazer, Carolyn Kudell #1472 passed away earlier in the month. I have heard that she used to bring her keyboard on caravans and play for you all. She also had an alias of "Fairy Fingers". For those of you who would wish to send a card to her family; 1543 E. Brookdale Place, Fullerton, CA 92346.

Gordon Greene #2320 of the Renegades, suffered what the doctors called a silent heart attack.

Back Scratcher, Lucy Joe #2347 had microcosmic shoulder surgery recently. And here you thought that was part of her Halloween costume.

Another Back Scratcher, Bill Weir #2919 from Sisters, Oregon is going through some tests and I have sent him a Thinking of You card from our caravan club. We hope to see him again real soon in the southern regions of the state.

Just before I sent this article in for Caravaner, yet another Back Scratcher is very sick. Jim VanLerberghé #2787 has been admitted to the hospital with pneumonia and is in Intensive Care.

When receiving notes from any of the cards I send; they are posted on the bulletin board at each caravan. Also, this article is sent to the web master for the web site.

Remember: if one of our members needs a reminder of a speedy recovery please email me at:

[MonaL@sbcglobal.net](mailto:MonaL@sbcglobal.net)

Lazy Daze Caravaner

## HIGHWAY HUGS

Laureta & Joe Gibbs (AKA Mama & Papa Bear)



We hope that, as you read this, lots and lots of teddy bears and some other critters are finding their way to the Christmas Tree in the Pavilion. We look forward to submitting an article in January that details our experiences in December. As you all know we are overwhelmed by your generosity in support of this worthwhile project. It is unfortunate that the CHP Officers go through so many bears in a few months, but it is a good feeling knowing we can keep their patrol cars supplied with critters whenever and wherever needed.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!!!

Laureta Gibbs (AKA Mama Bear)

## WOMEN ONLY

*Laureta Gibbs (Mama Bear)*

Well, it seems we got outflanked once again and no meeting was forthcoming in October. Joe and I had the good fortune to be at our son's home in Poway when the fires broke out in the Ramona area. We spent most of our week there preparing to evacuate and happily taking care of our four grandchildren while their parents worked opposite 12 hour shifts. BUT.....we WILL have a meeting in December. It will be a fun and maybe even informative meeting..... just for good measure. We will have the usual short inputs, lots of time for exchanges, games, and oh yes..... CHOCOLATE and maybe a surprise or two! We always seem to have fun, so plan to attend, make some new friends, share and/or discover something new, and join with a group of truly special women. See you there in the Pavilion at 2:00 PM on Friday!



A request has been made by Ed Widmer, our trusty ticket seller that he would like to find a replacement. Ed has been selling Pot-of-Gold and raffle tickets for a very long time and would like to retire. He'll tell you that it's a fun job where you get to meet most of the Lazy Dazers. The one important requirement is that you or an assistant be available to attend all outings. Ed has always had helpers come forward to help with the selling and dispersing of the prizes but it would lighten the load if it could be co-chaired, that way if one couldn't make it the other would. Ed will show his replacement(s) the ropes and give a thorough lesson where you'll be an expert ticket seller in less than minutes! Please see Ed if you have any questions or want to help him retire.

This is your once-a-year chance to place your order for the infamous Lazy Daze Jackets. These high-quality jackets are from Jammin Apparel Inc. which has been making our jackets for over 15 years. Don & Bobbie Nelson will take orders during the Craft Sale on Saturday. Samples will be available for sizing and they'll have a myriad of color combinations to choose from (you can customize your jacket to match your rig.) The cost is \$70.00 for the plain back and \$90.00 for a beautiful embroidery Lazy Daze Caravan Club logo on the back. Price includes tax & shipping to you home. These quality long lasting jackets are machine washable. Wear them with pride to let people know you're a Lazy Daze Caravan Club member.



### Missing Issues of the Caravaner

Help! Do you happen to have a copy of any of the missing Caravaners? Since the very first Caravaner published back in March 1990 we have all but the following issues:

MARCH 1992 – JANUARY 1994  
JANUARY AND JUNE 1997

Check your record and if you have any or all of the above, I would like to borrow your issue(s) and make copies for the clubs record book. The Caravaner provides an excellent history of the clubs events.

Please see Rosemary if you can help out!

# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

We had another wonderful turn out of volunteers for our outing to Butterfield Ranch. Everyone put on their happy faces and did a terrific job of welcoming our fellow caravaners as they arrived for a few days of fun and camaraderie. Boy that was a mouthful. Anyway your volunteers were:

Vern and Charlene Tutterrow

Joe and Jane Fletcher

Betty Boshma

Bill Arthur

Bob and Joanne Wayne

Marlin and Peggy Zabel

Allen and Sue Mercer

John and Zoe Cairns

Bob and LuAnne Lowe

Ruben and Jenny Pasillas

Dave and Katharine

Juergen Richardt

Rodney and Lynne Mortenson

Dave and Laura Techentin

Jim and Ann Cook

Lurlie Edgacomb

John and Ilene Von Gossen

Al and Lydia Granger

Don and Marjorie Richards

The Roadrunners

Backscratchers and

Past Tents

Thank you all for a job well done. If you haven't worked the Host Tent for awhile, come on down and join us for a couple of hours of fun and laughter.

*Linda GeneSer*

Assistant Wagon Master

## Welcome To Our First Timers!



John & Noel Myers Blaine, WA



Andy & Mary Pleil w/son Jonathan Carlsbad, CA



Don Anderson Encinitas, CA

# FREAKY FRIDAY

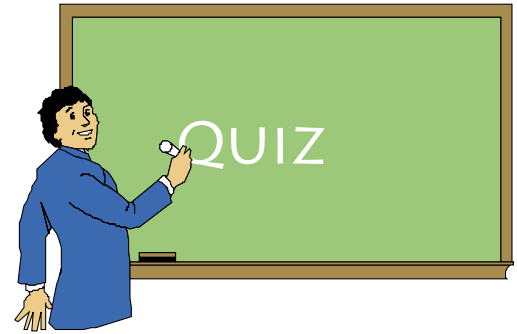
The fun and frolic of Lazy Dazers





# Think about It!

Once again there's pride and a prize riding on the most correct answers submitted at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning at the Host Tent. If you weren't eligible to win last time the same rules apply this time. The decision of the judge is final on the correct answers to each question.



**Question one:** A slight inclination of the cranium is as adequate as a spasmodic movement of one eye to an equine quadruped utterly devoid of any visionary capacity. Translate.

**Question two:** He and she each have one, but every person has two. A citizen has three and a human being has four, a personality has five and an inhabitant of the earth has six. What?

**Question three:** Foward I am heavy, but backward I am not. What am I?

**Question four:** How many legs does an elephant have if you call its trunk a leg?

**Question five:** Name four things that weigh the same no matter how large they are.

## And the tie breaker:

Find the hidden country in the following sentence: "Ignorant of the grave danger, man yearns to discover the origins of life itself by looking for unknown life forms deep beneath the surface of our vast oceans."

See you at the Host Tent at 8:30 AM

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### Join Us in Death Valley To Bring in the New Year!

Come join us in Death Valley and help bring in the New Year with your Lazy Daze friends and their friends. There will be food and fun every day from approximately December 26th on through the New Year!

Watch for the time and day listed for the 'Death Valley Meeting' on the Nov/Dec Caravan activity sheet. We will be discussing food, road conditions, agenda, and other good stuff, and try and answer your questions.

Submitted by Frances Smith





## HALLOWEEN WINNERS

This occasion is better known as Freaky Friday and was celebrated at sundown as Lazy Dazers strolled around a swimming pool at Butterfield Ranch in October. On their way to receiving treats, almost 100 campers judged pumpkins in the Carved, Decorated and Kidz divisions. There were no entries in Fall Colors – a new area of competition last year. Let's hope that you will have something to show us next year as 2006 saw several remarkable efforts. Carved Pumpkin winners were:

### Carved Pumpkin winners were:

1st Place: Linda Geneser #2745  
2nd Place: Carol Potts #2816  
3rd Place: Don McCutcheon #2727  
Honorable  
Mention: Jon Calhoun #2928

### Kidz Pumpkin:

1st Place: Jonathan Pleil, son of First Timers #2941

### Decorated Pumpkin winners were:

1st Place: Bill Surbrook #1972  
2nd Place: Louise Parth #2590  
3rd Place: Jane Fletcher #1658  
Honorable  
Mention: Rosemary Webb's accidental entry #2477 (ask her about it)



A good time was had by all, especially those in costume. Much thought and plenty of effort were put into the many original costumes. Did you see the walking Washer Toss boards? Did you figure out who the monkey was? And then, there was Ann Cook, champion apple bobber and "wet tee-shirt contest" winner. Not that she meant to be one. You had to have been there to appreciate the scene. The weather was pleasant, the moon was full and rising, we had electricity and no wind, and our Caravaners were in a party mood. Helpers were plentiful for setting up and taking down. The new system worked. Thank you all for your participation and help and the loan of spiders, goblins, electric cords, skeletons, etc.

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285  
Herb Johnson #2380



**2007 2nd ANNUAL LEN PHILIPPI WASHER TOSS  
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

Submitted by: John Mailliard

This will be the second year for the annual Washer Toss Tournament of Champions. All tournament winners for 2006 and all winners and second place finishers for 2007 qualify for this years Tournament.

The Tournament will be held on Saturday December 1, 2007 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. All Caravaners should come out and support their favorite Washer Toss champion.

The following is a list of the qualifiers for the Tournament:

MEN	WOMEN
Caulfield, Gene	Alford, Pat
Cleek, Howard	Caires, Stephanie
Coddington, Herb	Caires, Zoe
Filler, Bob	Carter, Ruth
Gibbs, Joe	Cleek, Rose
Hurley, Dave	Edgecomb, Lurlie
Joe, Terry	Geneser, Linda
Mercer, Allen	Gibbs, Laureta
Potts, Claude	Lowe, Luanne
Reiner, Don	Mccutcheon, Verona
Riley, Tom	Mercer, Sue
Schulte, Herb	Pfeifer, Jan
Shanner, Byron	Philippi, Martha
Simonson, Brian	Reeder, Rosie
Smith, Bob	Reiner, Millie
Spenser, Dave	Sitts, Barbara
Tutterrow, Vern	Smith, Frances
Wells, Gary	Tutterrow, Charlene
	Wayne, Joanne
	Wells, Velna
	Wilson, Marie



I was looking at the Camping World “Internet Specials” and I noticed the “Oxygenics Showerhead”. I read the user reviews and they were all very positive about a forceful flow with very little water consumption. I ordered two - one for the house and the other for the Lazy Daze. I installed the showerhead in the house and I was positively impressed. The reviews were right on. The installation was simple, but the showerhead does not sit in the Lazy Daze holder. Fortunately I had ordered the companion bracket for the showerhead. The “optional” bracket parts are labeled “A” in the photo below.



I did not use the holding bracket labeled with an “X”. I removed the washer with a sediment screen from the unused bracket and used it in place of the washer between the hose and the control valve that attaches to the showerhead. The spacing of the screw holes for the mounting bracket are different than the Lazy Daze holder so I used one of the holes and only had to drill one new hole. The screws that come with the bracket are much too long so I reused the screws that held the original bracket.

The shower head is rather large so when I travel, I wrap the showerhead in a towel and set it on the floor of the shower or on top of the stuff that is temporarily stored in the shower. The design of the showerhead accelerates and aerates the water flow so you experience an adjustable strong flow that quickly rinses away the soap and uses surprisingly little water. I have unsuccessfully looked for a simple shut off valve that would fit between the hose and the control valve or one that would go on the 1/2 inch pipe thread on the shower diverter to entirely shut off the flow while soaping up. The control valve “dribble” setting is adequate though. The showerhead (#28026) was about \$40 on sale at Camping World and the bracket (#37359) was about \$9.

Techsnoz, the “Tech Talk” website.

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

Terry Tanner Rig #2779

# SAFETY COMMITTEE MESSAGE

Submitted by:  
Don Richards, Chairman  
Safety Committee

We all know that your 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 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 patient's 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.

The 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 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 the horn could help. For all of us, advance precautions are a "must". As soon as we park, mark our location on the 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 medication 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.

Do not use C. B. Channel 30 until the ALL CLEAR is announced.



**? 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**

It was already late fall and the Indians on a remote reservation in South Dakota asked their new chief if the coming winter was going to be cold or mild.

Since he was a chief in a modern society he had never been taught the old secrets. When he looked at the sky he couldn't tell what the winter was going to be like.

Nevertheless, to be on the safe side, he told his tribe that the winter was indeed going to be cold and that the members of the village should collect firewood to be prepared.

But being a practical leader, after several days he got an idea. He called the national weather service and asked, "Is the coming winter going to be cold?"

"It looks like this winter is going to be quite cold," the meteorologist responded.

So the chief went back to his people and told them to collect even more firewood in order to be prepared.

Submitted by Jane Fletcher

## CHURCH OF THE LAZY DAZE



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

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

**Keep in the KNOW!**  
**Pick up the latest news — from the**  
**Lazy Daze website!**



Art & Barbara Berggreen #2771  
[www.lazydazecaravanclub.org](http://www.lazydazecaravanclub.org)

A week later he called the national weather service again. "Does it still look like it is going to be a very cold winter?"

"Yes," the man at national weather service again replied, "It's going to be a very cold winter."

The chief again went back to his people and ordered them to collect every scrap of firewood they could find.

Two weeks later the chief called the national weather service again. "Are you absolutely sure that the winter is going to be very cold?"

"Absolutely," the man replied. "It's looking more and more like it is going to be one of the coldest winters we've ever seen."

"How can you be so sure?" the chief asked.

The weatherman replied, "The Indians are collecting firewood like crazy."

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

## From the 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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