



June 2008

MESSAGE FROM YOUR WAGON MASTER

Welcome Lazy Dazers to Santee Lakes!

It's been three years since we've been here and I don't know about you but I'm looking forward to having the tranquil lakes as a backdrop, the cool green grass to lounge on and the large shade trees to shelter us from the sun; all of which is a wonderful transformation from the last two campouts. Live Oak was hot, dry and dusty but "Oh My" our first ever Hawaiian Luau turned out better than I ever dreamed! Everyone came dressed in their finest Hawaiian attire and boy was there a lot of food!!! The dancers were exceptional and everyone had one very tremendous time! La Paz was good except for the wind and what fun we had with the "moonlight madness" washer toss and the wild water balloon fight; it was great to be kids again! Here at Santee Lakes we can just sit back relax and enjoy the calm surroundings and reflect on what a good time we have at all of the caravans. This Saturday get ready for a Hot Dog cook-out; a few cooks will get the big grill hot and cook your dogs for you, don't forget the buns and maybe bring a simple side-dish to share i.e. beans, chili, or an easy salad. We'll have all of condiments for you just bring your plate, place setting and drink of choice. We're going to keep it simple but as always leaning heavily to the side of fun!

A word about numbers: the undeniable reality is that the caravan attendances numbers are decreasing, to some extent due to the high price of gas; but mainly age, illness, and sadly death of long standing members are the statistics we don't like to have but are a fact of life. Since Lazy Daze Inc. began advertising/selling their fine motorhomes from the internet, 70% of the rigs made are now sold out of state; the result making the numbers from which we can draw now much smaller, therefore fewer new members. This is why it's vital to be the finest host possible when we do have 1st Timers – our goal is for them to want to return and join the finest bunch of Lazy Dazers around. Without new members it is a sad fact that maybe someday the club will not survive – something I don't want to see happen and I'm sure you don't either. Realistically we will never have the large numbers we had in the mid-eighties having 200+ rigs at an outing; more likely we won't see 150 rigs either. Times are different and circumstances change. Although, there is a positive side of having smaller numbers in attendance in that it makes the outings a more cohesive caravan. I have observed that when fewer members in a group are present, more get out and meet others they wouldn't normally. We are having more club-wide activities instead of the smaller group get-togethers therefore Lazy Dazers are getting to know others outside of their group – and this is good. Yes, at first it was a huge concern to me having fewer rigs in camp and yes it lessens the probability of negotiating lower camping fees, but this is a fact that we all will have to live with and accept the changes that our club is experiencing. No matter what our numbers are - we're still the finest RV club there is!!

This being the last outing before our summer break, Don & I wish each one of you a safe, and wonderful summer – whether you bite the bullet and put gas in the rig to visit family, friends, or even take the opportunity to see our wonderful country or stay home and get all of those "honey do's" done. We sure hope you have a good one! This year Don & I are staying home to do the tourist thing right here in San Diego – we have so much to see and do in our own city but never take the opportunity – this summer we are.

Happy safe travels and we'll see you in September!

Rosemary

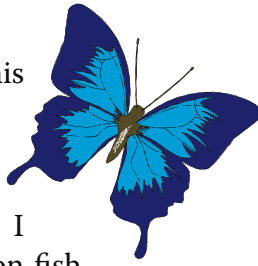
A Word From Your Assistant Wagon Master

Welcome to Santee Lakes. This promises to be a very quiet and restful campout as many of our Lazy Dazers are already doing their summer thing. Gary and I leave on the 19th to go to Oregon fishing with his cousin and his family. We had a ball last year and can't wait to do it again. Then on to Idaho to spend some quality time with the daughter, son-in-law and 3 precious grandsons. It has been a year since we saw them last and I miss them terribly. I will savor every minute we have together.

If you didn't make it to Live Oak last month you missed a fabulous week. It was a little warmer than I would have liked, but a nice breeze blew and helped to cool things off. The real topper for the week was a wonderful Luau on Saturday night. It was fun decorating and getting everything ready for the big event. I want to thank all of my wonderful helpers. If it weren't for you ladies it would have taken 3 times as long to get things ready. Everything looked so nice after it was all done. When everyone started to arrive, I had a big smile on my face. I was so tickled to see all of you in beautiful Hawaiian shirts and dresses. The Pavilion was filled with laughter and very beautiful people. I can't believe the food we had. There wasn't a bare spot on the long raffle table. The fellas cooked their hearts out over a very hot BBQ. Thank you Guys. The chicken was delicious. As was all of the other dishes you prepared. We have some fabulous cooks in our group. We dined with Hawaiian music playing in the background and certainly had our fill of great food. After dinner we were entertained by 5 lovely ladies doing various Hawaiian dances. They were wonderful. They picked 3 caravaners out of the audience to do some dancing with them and it was certainly very entertaining. Many came up to me afterwards and said that this was the best caravan ever. And I tend to agree with them. All in all we had a wonderful time.

Have a great time at Santee Lakes and I will see you out and about.

Linda GeneSer
Assistant Wagon Master



Goodwill Ambassador Report

It is always sad to start my article with one of our members dying, but then there is never a good time to announce that LAVERNE HALL #1848 formerly of the Procrastinators has past away on May 14th.

For those who like to send a card to Jack his address is: 13641 Fairview Rd., Unit 7, Garden Grove, CA 92843-4225



No Mad, GRAHAM EVANS #2865 was a brave soul and had both his knees replaced in early April. With all the knees and hip replacements going on, this caravan group will soon be all bionic members.

Former No Mad, BRENDA NEIL #808 has been diagnosed with COPD. If you would care to send her your personal message her address is: 172 Rainbow Drive, Box 7213, Livingston, TX 77399-1072.

PAT ALFORD #1957 of the Roadrunners has had a cancer removed from her left leg on May 14th.

There is a message on safety with the next two gentlemen who have had an unpleasant go-around with some ladders. First off GEORGE WATSON #2741 of the Outback's early in April fell from his ladder and had to have five stitches in his neck. I understand he was a very lucky young man as to the location of the stitches.

Then Back Scratcher, DON McCUTCHEON #2727 decided he needed to change a light bulb and proceeded to fall flat on his back from his ladder. I have read somewhere that if you over 50 years old you should not be climbing ladders. It seems that these two must not have read that article.

Hopefully you all will stay healthy and accident free until we gather again in Santee. If unable to attend a caravan you can catch up on the Goodwill News on the Lazy Daze website.

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THANK YOU EVERYONE!

It is hard to express my feelings of gratitude for the many cards, calls, prayers and visits we received from our Lazy Daze Club members. We were so blessed. Seems like everyday we received well wishes from someone - I didn't think I knew so many lovely people.

We received about 100 cards from everywhere. How can we thank you all. Let me just say, "You will never know how honored we are to have such good friends". Thank you one and all,

Jan, Bob and all the Hawken Family

SEARCHERS & SCRAPPERS returns!

In June the Searchers & Scrappers will return on a limited basis. We will have a time of sharing on Saturday, and all are welcome to attend. I will distribute packets to beginners, for as long as my supply of materials exists. If you do not have a notebook, please do not miss this meeting.



We will be reviewing past lessons for several months, so bring your notebooks. Listen for the morning announcements for time and place.

Happy Scrappin'

Jan Hawken - #2790

JACKET FOUND AT BUENA VISTA

Somehow a ladies orange lightweight hooded jacket found it's way into are closet at the February Caravan. If you know who the "Lost Owner" is, please contact Bob & Jan Hawken #2790, with the Outbacks.

POT OF GOLD DRAWINGS



As many of you know Ed Widmer has faithfully managed the selling of the Pot of Gold tickets for many years. Feeling the need to take some time off, a replacement was requested. Jan Hawken asked if a Committee might be organized to fill Ed's shoes. This being completed over the past several months, it is my pleasure to announce the POT OF GOLD COMMITTEE:

Jan Hawken - Organizer

Betty Boshma

Zoe Caires

Lurlie Edgecomb

Jan Ludolph

Sue Mercer

Ed Widmere

These fine people will share the responsibility for ticket sales, picking the winning tickets, and the distribution of funds to the winners. So come and greet your new ticket sellers!



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY

What a wonderful group we had at Live Oak. They all worked so hard welcoming caravaners as they arrived for a great week of camping.

They were as follows:

Vern and Charlene Tutterrow
George and Rosie Reeder
Betty Boshma
Bill Arthur
Allen and Sue Mercer
Bob Schmahl
Marlin and Peggy Zabel
Joe and Jane Fletcher
Herb and Marion Coddington
Tom and Jan Hiemstra
Carl and Joan Orr
Dan and Gretchen Heritage
Lurlie Edgecomb
Bob Tallmadge
Bob and Lenny Frost
Gary and Velna Wells
Dave and Laura Techentin
Rose Cleek
Randy and Lynn Murray
Don and Marjorie Richards
Al and Lydia Granger
Jim and Ann Cook
Dorothy Osaki
The Nomads
Class C Campers
And the Roadrunners

As always you are much appreciated for all that you do for your club. Thank you all very much.

Linda Geneser
Assistant Wagon Master



Linda Allen
Carole Sunlight—Santa Rosa, CA #2960

FLEX & STRETCH EXERCISE

There is no class this month. For those who were asking about classes near them, you can call 1-800-568-4045 or go to www.arthritis.org

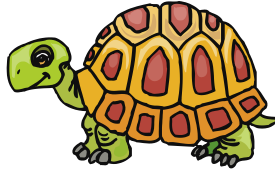
Jo Ann Richards



TEAM TURTLE UP DATE

News from Painted Turtle 2007 Summer Camp

Last year there were over 2100 medically handicapped children attending this summer session where the 100 plus afghans/quilts and craft supplies were sent from Lazy Daze Caravan Club. Thank you all very much.



I am collecting for the 2009 summer session and have accumulated some 40 afghans so far and some 24 Turtle Pillows thanks to new member of Team Turtle Laura Techentin. Another new member is Sue Pantan and a couple of regulars, Shirley Potter, Dottie Carey adding four more colorful afghans. Carole Hurley donated 7 afghans and some craft supplies. I also received a very pretty afghan that was purple white and pink, but no name attached. Thank you all.

Just a reminder that none of the families of the campers pay for going to this wonderful camp. All medical services and counselors and staff volunteer their time. Some 20 hospitals support this enrichment programs to help kids deal with surviving or not their condition in the company of others who understand. I am so proud of Lazy Daze Caravaners who support this worthwhile program.

Jane Farwell, the afghan/turtle collector

SWEATSHOP SWEATSHIRT CLASS

Mona Shaner

What was supposed to be a fun class for the making of a decorative sweatshirt turned into a sweatshop for sure. As the temperatures climbed into the high 90's the ladies of this class stuck it out until noon on Thursday,



May 15th. Some talked about coming back later and the teacher would have if her students were game, but as the class room was not air conditioned we saved our energy for other activities that were cooler. With the help of JENNY PASILLAS and LUANNE LOWE the students were able to get ahead start on the project. Hopefully SUSAN PANTON, DOROTHY OSAKI, LAURA TECHENTIN, FRANCES SURBROOK, MARILYN RAMEY, FRANCES ROE and LYDIA GRANGER will finish their jackets and we can have a fashion show in a cooler time of the year. The teacher is willing to assist her students complete the project on future caravans.



Caravaner Anniversaries



Don and Carol Kratzer—50th Caravan



Lurlie Edgecomb—150th caravan



Ed Widmer—250th caravan.

Live Oak Craft Sale

Our Talented Caravaners



Washer Toss



OUR HAWAIIAN LUAU

WHAT A FANTASTIC LUAU!

I believe all of you will agree that Saturday's luau was the greatest! I believe it was Rosemary who thought of the idea and ran with it, so isn't it nice to have a Wagon Master with great ideas.

You can't believe everyone who participated in the preparations of the event. Of course Don and Rosemary, Gary and Linda, the chefs: Don Reiner, Terry Joe, Byron Shaner, Mikio Osaki, and Bob Smith, the Outback's, who helped decorate the tables and serve the food, Lu Anne Lowe and Katherine Spencer from the Nomads who helped decorate and assisted in greeting the people at the "door" for distributing leis and taking the dishes, Charlene Tutterrow and Frances Smith for giving out leis, plus Charlene helped Vern prepare Mai Tai's. Extra recognition goes to Millie Reiner and Frances for their assistance in prepping the chicken. Don Reiner and Don Webb drove to Santa Maria to pick up the wood needed to cook the chicken. Thanks to Betty Boschma who found the source for the fine red oak we used. And of course, thanks to the Back Scratches for the clean up. There were others who gave assistance along the way and we are truly appreciative.



Of course we must not forget all the fabulous food everyone brought (how about that pig). I knew we had excellent cooks in our Lazy Daze Caravan and they sure out did themselves.

The hula dancers were terrific and you can't help remembering Dave Hurley, Laura Techentin, Jane Farwell and John Van Wonterghem in their dancing. Who knew that Jane and Dave could move like that, I bet they've done that before.

Again, THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED AND PARTICIPATED IN THIS GREAT HAWAIIAN LUAU. Let's do something like this again.

Francis Smith



OUR HARD WORKING CREW

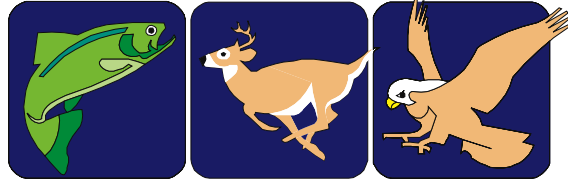






Mother Nature

aka Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



Acorn woodpeckers and wild turkeys greeted us at Live Oak in May. With the warm weather a plethora of wildlife was very active as well as many baby ground squirrels, a western pocket gopher or two, and young alligator lizards. I had reports of nighttime encounters with very large toads (or frogs) who were found by Lazy Dazers out walking their dogs. Deer were seen by early walkers and late drivers.

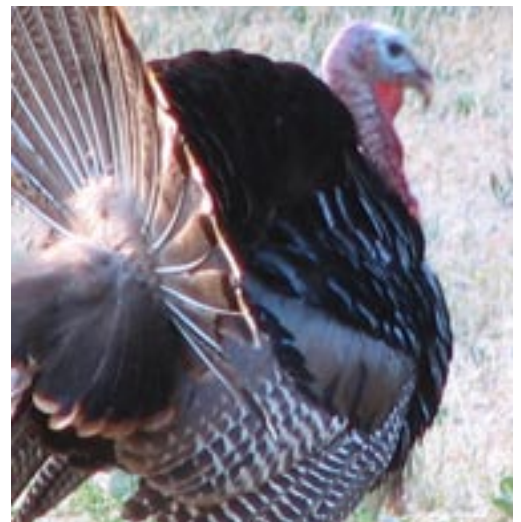
Serenades were heard from linnets who we call house finches. The males have red on their heads, chests and and rumps. The Pavilion seems to be owned by these songbirds. Close by and under the oaks were the oak titmice. Little gray jobs, they have a crest and a perky attitude. Also checking for bugs out at the corral, two species of phoebes were busy. The black phoebe has white from mid-chest down and Say's phoebe is brown with rusty orange underneath. They are both sparrow size. A white breasted nuthatch was doing bug inspection upside down the oak tree trunks.

Two visions of blue flew past our eyes. The robin-size, very vocal bird is a scrub jay and the sparrow-size, quiet one is the western bluebird. Westerns have chestnut and gray across their midsections unlike the mountain bluebirds who have lighter blue over their chests and backs.

The great blue heron seen down by the Santa Ynez River (creek, really) is more gray than blue though the males have some blue on their faces at breeding time. They stand 4 foot tall while their egret cousins who are white are 3 foot or 2 foot depending on the species, identified by beak, leg and foot color.

Birds of prey included a hawk with striped tail and one who swiftly snatched a squirrel, a bald eagle wandering from the lake and the ever present turkey vultures. Other black-feathered avians included crows, one got a baby ground squirrel; starlings who will take over woodpeckers' nests; Brewer's blackbirds; and a few noisy grackles. More colorful and useful were the violet-green swallows. Busy darting overhead and between the trees, they were scooping up insects by simply opening their wide mouths in flight. We would have appreciated bats at night to take out the mosquitoes buzzing around our ears. Though they annoyed me, I did not suffer like some others with big, itchy bumps.

This month at Santee Lakes, we should have quite a variety of waterfowl. I'm hoping to be able to stroll around a lake or two with some of you to help me spot subjects for the next article. As always, I look for birding "firsts" to add to my life list. I did get to add harlequin ducks, male and female, in Alaska while on the Gadabout trip. Be sure to look for the wood ducks at the lake with an island in it. The nest boxes are for them. See you out and about.



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Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 34

Ford V10 Spark Plug Change

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Since I became aware of the spark plug blowout problem with the Ford V8 and V10 engines, I have had this uneasy feeling every time I would take my 2001 Lazy Daze Rear Bath on the road. When Ford first introduced the V10 engine in about 1997, the steel threads on the spark plug were attached to the aluminum head with only four threads. This design "flaw" was addressed during the 2003 model year by redesigning the heads and providing eight threads for the spark plugs. The "Four Thread" head design has a failure rate of about 1 in 1,000 engines and the rate is climbing every day as the engines in service accumulate mileage. Although this failure rate seems small, I still worried about the possibility of my spark plugs loosening, backing out, and possibly blowing out and damaging the threads in the head. Being stranded with major engine damage is something I would like to avoid.

Caravaner Terry Burnes in Garnerville, Nevada, had his spark plugs changed by www.blownoutsparkplug.com at their Santa Ynez location before going on an extended trip through Baja California and he was favorably impressed with the work done by David Mahlmeister. Caravaners George Reeder and Gene Caulfield also have had their plugs changed by David. I decided to have my plugs changed while I would be nearby at the May Caravan at Live Oak near Santa Barbara, California.

I have changed the plugs in my vehicles without giving it much thought. It seems quite simple. Blow the dirt off around the plug, unscrew the plug, check the gap on the new plug, carefully screw it in, and use a torque wrench to set it at the specified foot-pounds of torque. But working in the tight space under the "hump" in the van chassis with the fuel injectors and other stuff made it a "no brainer" not to try it myself. Well it turns out there is a lot more to it than just unscrewing the old plug and screwing in the new plug - if you can get to it at all. If there is carbon or other debris on the spark plug seat when you torque the new plug in, it is likely that the new plug will loosen and be prone to blowing out.

David Mahlmeister came to the Live Oak Caravan on Friday May 16, 2008 and answered questions at our "Tech Talk" session and then changed my plugs so that others could observe the work. It was amazing to watch David work in those tight quarters and to see all the specialized custom tools. The plug change took about 2 hours and cost \$400. He also changed the "boots" that connect the spark plugs to the individual coils for \$100 more. My boots were ok but were six years old and it might be another ten years before I change plugs again, so I had them replaced.

Ford specifies the spark plug torque at 14 foot-pounds but Blown Out Spark Plug uses 28 foot-pounds. The torque required to remove my spark plugs was:

#01 23.9 ft-lb; #02 16.2 ft-lb; #03 20.6 ft-lb; #04 05.7 ft-lb; #05 14.6 ft-lb;
#06 13.7 ft-lb; #07 14.2 ft-lb; #08 13.2 ft-lb; #09 10.2 ft-lb; and #10 08.7 ft-lb.

So two of my plugs were surprising "loose" after only 35,000 miles. I am so glad to have had this done.

Caravaner David Techentin suffered a blown out plug in Wyoming some time ago and had David Mahlmeister put in steel inserts in the remaining nine spark plug holes on May 17.

Check out www.blownoutsparkplug.com and if you have questions, give David Mahlmeister a call at (805) 886-5213. If you suffer a spark plug blow out, they can come to you and install an insert for far less than replacing than replacing the head.

Techsnoz, the "Tech Talk" website.

Check it out at: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Techsnoz/>
Terry Tanner Rig #2779

FAMILY EMERGENCY PLANNING

Recent catastrophic events have brought to our attention the need for emergency plans in every home* As Lazy Daze caravaners, we are at an advantage in having necessities in our rigs ready for travel most of the time. The American Red Cross recommends that we be able to sustain ourselves for 72 hours in case of a natural disaster or other kind of emergency. Here are the agency's tips for getting prepared:

Food: Non-perishable such as canned or dehydrated meals, cereals, fruits, powdered milk, and food for those with special dietary needs* Provide a manual can opener.

Water: 3 gallons per person in airtight containers* Replace every six months.

First Aid : Well stocked kit with the Red Cross First Aid manual* Have at least a week's supply of prescription medications. Be sure to include a copy of your up-to-date Medical Information form.

Flashlights: Include one in your nightstand or under your bed, along with spare batteries* Don't use matches or candles until you are sure there are no gas leaks.

Electronics: Have a battery operated radio or T.V. Cell phones may be interrupted, but keep yours charged just in case* Have a car-based charger.

Fire extinguisher: A Class ABC extinguisher can be used safely on all small fires including electrical, grease and gas fires.

Miscellaneous: Gloves (with leather palms), waterproof poncho, duct tape, tool kit, dust mask, pocket knife, cash.

Additional note; It is advisable to store your Lazy Daze with a full tank of gasoline and water ready for travel* We can never know what the "get away" circumstances might be.

Source American Red Cross Bulletin

Don and Marjorie Richards
Safety Team Officers



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Lazy Daze website!**



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From the Editor

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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Horseshoes is still a fun way to get some exercise. Let's not let it disappear from our activities.

The winners of the Horseshoe tournament for Friday at Live Oak were:

Marion Coddington #2505 &
Jean Orr #2671



Class "C" Jokers



Morning Coffee