



October 2008

MESSAGES FROM YOUR WAGON MASTER

Welcome Ghouls & Goblins to Butterfield Ranch!

I hope you're ready to have some fun at our annual Halloween Freaky Friday! This is the time when we get the chance to be "kids" again and dress-up to become someone or something else besides our everyday selves. Plan on joining the crowd and come dressed in your Halloween costume be it silly, scary, creepy, clever or.....???? Even if you're not very creative it's perfectly fine to appear Friday night as your "normal" self. It's a lot of fun to see if you can identify your fellow Lazy Dazers as their alter-egos. Last year we had some very "interesting" outfits – let's see if we can top it this year.

While you're wondering around the pool Friday night make sure you check-out the pumpkins – this is when we all vote for the best pumpkins be them carved or decorated for our annual Harry "Crabby" Edgecomb Pumpkin Contest. This event is in memory of a greatly admired caravaner that came up with this terrific idea; Crabby would give lessons on pumpkin carving and boy did we have some fantastic displays of pumpkin-art-work. It has now been expanded to include decorated pumpkins; I do hope you have come with a pumpkin to create a winning entry.

Thursday from 9:00 to 2:00 will be the big "opening day" of the "Lazy Daze Yard Sale." All you have to do is display your merchandise (those unwanted treasures) at your rig; then Lazy Dazers can stroll up and down the Lanes and check-out if you have something they just can't live without (it's also a great opportunity to visit!) We'll continue with the **Yard Sale** each day in order to give members the chance to come back for some super bargains. All proceeds are pure profit for you and maybe the \$'s you earn will help augment the cost it took to get here. I'm joking of course!!

It was announced at last month's caravan that camping prices are regrettably going up. I have tried my best to negotiate the lowest price possible but the cold hard fact is the cost of operating a camping facility has risen dramatically; the escalating cost of water & electricity being a huge factor not to mention insurance, wages, workers comp, trash removal, etc. The most significant reason for our rate increase is that we are experiencing much lower camping night numbers. Previously I would quote between 400-450 camping nights and receive a considerable lesser price from a venue's regular "group rates". Last month we paid Indian Hill Ranch only 229 camping nights – making the bottom dollar line significantly less. Therefore in order for a campground to break-even, a per-night per-rig cost will undoubtedly increase. Sadly this is what has happened here at Butterfield. To give an example of increased camping cost, this week we made reservations at Pinnacles National Monument to attend a Condor Release Nov. 1st. The 20 or so RV sites are all 20' x 40', back-ins with only electricity – not even a dump station and the only water spigot is located as you enter the RV camping loop. That's it! For the whopping cost of \$36.00 !!! Don & I stayed there July 2007 at the cost of \$25.00 a night and thought then it was way too much for what there was; a lot of dirt and few trees. It's by no means a luxury campground by anyone's standards! Tent camping at this location is now \$23.00 – for that you get a small dirt area and maybe a table – no electricity. Those of you that do very much traveling are fully aware that what we've been paying for caravan camping is an incredible bargain. Alas, those bargain days are gone! So caravaners, we're just going to have to bite-the-bullet and pay the increase camping fees or the unthinkable alternative is not to drive the Lazy Daze.

I said in my "Campgrounds Investigated Report" distributed last month to your Representative and something for you to contemplate.....

Cost of a gallon of gas: \$3.50+ (down from \$4.00+) Cost of a Caravan nights camping: \$20.00+

Cost of enjoying our Lazy Daze friends: PRICELESS !!

Rosemary



A Word From Your Assistant Wagon Master

For those of you who weren't at Indian Hill I have to tell you that you missed a great Campout! The weather was perfect and those of us that were there were treated by Rosemary and Don on Thursday and Friday night with a wonderful slide presentation of their Copper Canyon Trip. This was shown on their new outdoor theater. What a wonderful trip that must have been after seeing the beautiful photos from all of the group that went.. We felt like we were there with them. Thanks Rosemary for all the effort you put into making the DVD. It was fabulous. Then on Friday night we had our traditional pot luck dinner and of course we all had our fill of some great dishes. You LazyDazers sure can cook. And of course we had our ice cream social on Saturday afternoon. That was a real treat. We were literally up to our elbows in ice cream as we served it to the group. Especially Don Reiner. He was dishing out the chocolate that was extremely hard to get out of the container. He looked like he had more on him than he was putting in the bowls. During the week we were given a choice of 3 movies to watch on the outdoor theater Saturday night. The winner was Road Hogs. I laughed so hard during that movie that I thought I was going to lose it for sure. It is so funny. Before the show, we were given pop corn and candy to eat as we cuddled up to watch the movie in the cool of the evening. I heard a rumor that they might bring it again sometime soon so that we can do it again. It was really a lot of fun. The outing ended on a good note and all had a wonderful time.

Linda GeneSer
Assistant Wagon Master



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR SEPTEMBER

It was so good to get back to caravan and see all of our friends again.. It seemed like an eternity since we last met. I was so appreciative of all the volunteers that signed up to work the tent amongst the fall leaves that hung around them. Clever huh? Any way your volunteers were:

John Noster

Bob Schmahl

Allen and Sue Mercer

Vern and Charlene Tutterrow

Frances Smith

Herb and Carlynn Christians

Ruben and Jenny Pasillas

Dave and Katharine Spencer

Bob and LuAnne Lowe

John and Zoe Caires

Gordon and Dottie Greene

Don and Millie Reiner

Dave and Laura Techentin

Rodney and Lynne Mortenson

Randy and Lynn Murray

Jane Farwell

The Roadrunners

Thank to all of you for your help. You make it fun for me and everyone else that comes to chat with you guys at the tent.

Linda GeneSer #2745
Assistant Wagon Master



HIGHWAY HUGS

Laureta & Joe Gibbs
(AKA Mama & Papa Bear)



We cannot believe that it is already October and soon we will all gather at Live Oak for the Annual Christmas Caravan.

This is the time of year when we hope to, once again, gather a huge number of bears for our Highway Hugs Project. Our dream is that we will see the Christmas Tree completely inundated with bears and friends which will then be prepared and distributed to the California Highway Patrol.

We have been spending many hours getting the bears ready for distribution, bagging each one individually to keep them clean in the officer's cars. As of this time some have already been taken to several CHP offices. The remainder will soon find their way to the rest of those 14 offices the Lazy Daze Caravan Club is supporting.

Once again it is time for a reminder regarding what is desired/needed for this important project. The PREFERRED animal is a BEAR. (The officers are known as "bears" and they really like giving them out). However, we understand that, sometimes, the puppies and kitties are too cute to resist. That is fine as long as they meet the parameters as follows:

SIZE: 8 - 12 INCHES

**VERY SOFT (that is to say CUDDLY,
SQUISHY, SNUGLY,**

HUGABLE, LOVABLE

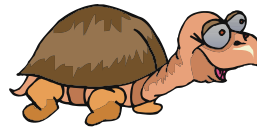
..... and CUTE !!!!!!!

PLEASE keep in mind that these bears are going to children who have been traumatized for some reason (parent(s) arrested, involved in an accident, car break down). These young children need something soft and cuddly to cling to when their lives have taken a bad turn. Once they have been comforted, a calmer child is more easily assisted by the CHP Officers, the EMT's, fire personnel, and others who may be attending to them. Your kindness makes all of this possible. We have heard some great stories from officers as well as others we have met who know of

this wonderful project.

On behalf of all those who benefit from your consummate generosity ...

WE THANK YOU ALL!!!!!!!



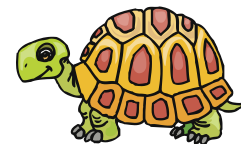
The Painted Turtle

Jane Farwell

Team Turtle is off to a great start with 25 afghans collected at Indian Hills. Thanks to Mary Moffett, Joyce Hirst and Ruthie Judd. I think Mary and Joyce have the fastest fingers in the world. My shower space was filled up to the sink level!!

It was sad to hear of Paul Newman's passing, but I am sure he found his "hole in the wall" and followed so many children he helped with these camps. It was his wish to have such a camp in each state. Paul Newman did indeed make a difference. As you know the Painted Turtle is the California branch, so to speak, of the Hole in the Wall. (Definition of Hole in the Wall - It is that hole in a wall that the ill children passed through to the other side. That other side is heaven)

Last Summer the Camp had over 900 children attend to have the week of their lives removed from their usual medical setting. They have added weekends for the whole family to partake and to be with their ill child. This makes for a wonderful memory and experience even if it is just for a weekend. No one pays their way, Medical equipment is donated, Doctor volunteer and financial donations are always welcome.



Afghan Collector, Jane



Goodwill Ambassador Report

It is sad to report the '2008 In Memorial' list has grown by two more names. Lazy Gourmet, DAVE LANDY #1693 died in June of a massive heart attack and BOB BRASE #2064 of the Bunwarmers died in July of a rare form of neuropathy.



With a heavy heart, I share with you that Drifter BETTY BOSCHMA #1483, lost her eldest son, Jim in an accident on September 13th. He was driving a gravel truck near the wind turbines around Tehachapi when his truck went off the road and down the embankment

Former Past Tents, BEV SHIPLEY #1886, has passed away in August. We have no more information than that.

No Mad, DON RICHARDS #2315 suffered some coronary problems during the month June. He had a hospital stay as part of his summer vacation (unplanned). Hopefully things are better for him now.

Now for the recovering Outbackers' Report: First we are all relieved that JAN HAWKEN #2790 had a benign tumor on an ovary removed. She sure has had more than her share this last year. We all hope that this is the end of her medical problems she has been going through.

BOB TALLMADGE #2193 has had cataract surgery on July 10th.

ROSEMARY KRAUSE #2348 has lost her dog, Molly and DON & BARBARA SITTS #1666 have also lost their dog, Burley. We all know how important these fuzzy traveling companions are to our well being.

This must not be the year for BARBARA SITTS as she acquired a severe case of intestinal virus and landed in the hospital for a week. She came home and was having pains in her leg. Long story made short, after an ambulance ride back to the hospital, it was discovered she had blood clots from her first stay in hospital. Barbara, this is not how you are to visit your favorite nurses.

LURLIE EDGECOMB #2285, another Outback person is suffering from sciatica pain in both her legs. I myself have gone through that type of pain to the point surgery was needed, so can tell you that is no tea party.

Back Scratcher BYRON SHANER #2817 was having some problems with his cataract surgery that he had in June. After a visit to a specialist it was discovered that he has macular degeneration in his right eye and is going through the necessary treatment that maybe of some help. The operative words here is may help.

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WOMEN ONLY *Laureta Gibbs (Mama Bear)*

It is with huge apologies that I begin this article. Last minute family changes required us to leave Indian Hills early, so our meeting was canceled. BUT ... barring any unforeseen circumstances ... there WILL be a meeting this month at Butterfield.

I have an abundance of general and health related information, some things for laughs (I hope), some things for questions, in general, enough to fill the 45-60 minutes we have together. Of course there is always plenty of time for your comments and reactions.

Please plan on joining a terrific group of women at 2:00 PM on Friday in the clubhouse. If you are a First Timer, have never come, are curious, or have always come ... you are most welcome to attend. We do have a good time ... and chocolate!!!!!! See you there.



Indian Hills Apples
our annual treat.



SEARCHERS AND SCRAPPERS

Do You Have a “BUCKET LIST”?

A movie recently showed two men who were facing cancer and the real possibility of the end of their life. They considered where they were now and what they would like to accomplish before they died. I know this is a serious subject, but, I would like to use this topic as it relates to our family. Do you maintain a “List” of what you want to do this month, next month, and next year? Your life is different than mine – we have different desires, responsibilities, and problems. But this is what life is ... our place within the pages of history. What we do now with our life is what matters!

In September we considered the topic, “Where is The Book with My Family’s Genealogy?” And, you were not fooled. There probably is NO BOOK! Genealogy is the process of finding and preserving family histories. And again I mention the value of compiling your own Family History. Whether we are talking about a three page document about your life, or a friend’s 300-page novel – it is the same! Each is of value - a product that will preserve a piece of history. Take that small step! Share your memories of High School – your employers and the way business worked – the cars you owned and the trips you enjoyed the most. These are parts of your life. That is why I also make scrapbooks. Not all of them are finished, but, as I continue to tell you – the little bit that we do today is that much more than we had done yesterday.

I liked the way Mary Clement Douglass worded it in the Family History Bulletin, of <http://www.worldvitalrecords.com/news/volume2issue45>. Her article, “Tracing a Family through the Numerical Index: A Land Record Case Study” stated: “As genealogists, we are always searching for another way to discover the relationships between and among our ancestors and the communities in which they lived.” She goes into detail about land records and how to navigate your way through the many levels. I will bring a few copies for those who are unable to do their own internet search.

I hope these items encourage you to get started, or “to get back on the ball”! We will meet on Saturday at 11 a.m. to share these and many more ideas. Come join us – beginning or experienced genealogists! If you are reading this article, you are too! Remember, we are all “Searchers & Scrappers” who are looking for pieces of our family’s life to weave into our piece of history.

Happy searchin’ and scrappin’
Jan Hawken (The Outbacks – Rig #2790)

p.s. I still am looking for the owner of a ladies hooded orange jacket.

POT OF GOLD CONTINUES ...



The Pot of Gold drawing has been cared for by Ed Widmer for many, many years, and we want to say “Thank You” to his faithful work, and pray for his healthy retirement!

The Pot of Gold drawings continue under the direction of Jan Hawken, along with the best committee members you have ever seen. All we need now is you to come and purchase your “Lucky Tickets” for a chance to win \$100 - \$50 - or \$20 if we call your number. It’s fun and all monies go back into the Pot of Gold. So, Come One - Come all!

This is totally a member driven activity - so come, say Hi and join the fun!

Anniversary



Vern & Charlene Tutterrow
Rig # 1222—225th Caravan





MOVIE NIGHT AT INDIAN HILLS





P O T L U C K



Washer Toss



First Place: Gene Caulfield and Sue Mercer

Second Place: Gary Phillips and Frances Smith



A New Retirement Plan

If you had purchased \$1000.00 of Nortel stock one year ago, it would now be worth \$49.00.

With Enron, you would have \$16.50 left of the original \$1000.

With WorldCom, you would have less than \$5.00 left.

If you had purchased \$1000.00 of Delta Air Lines stock you would have \$49.00 left.

If you had purchased United Airlines, you would have nothing left.

But, if you had purchased \$1000.00 worth of beer one year ago, drank all the beer, then turned in the cans for the aluminum recycling refund you would have \$214.00.

Based on the above, the best current investment advice is to drink heavily and recycle.

This is called the 401-Keg Plan.

Where Are We?

Do you have a photo of your Lazy Daze in a recognizable location? We're looking for pictures to add the Caravaner each month for the guessing game...."WHERE ARE WE?"

Just submit a digital photo to our editor, Dave Hurley via e-mail; make sure you include your name, rig # and the correct location, your Lazy Daze must be in the shot. The photo will be published in the Caravaner and then Lazy Dazers will submit their answers in writing to the Wagon Master during that outing. The first to provide the correct location will win a prize. The winning Lazy Dazers picture will be in the next Caravaner along with the correct answer and a new photo for guessing. (The owner of the photo is of course ineligible.)

Let's see how sharp your geography skills are – for this to work we need your digital pictures. The photo should have a slight hint of where it's located – a picture in an unrecognizable campground does not qualify. Let's have some fun with this!

Here is one to start with submitted by:
Mary and Allan Moffatt—Rig# 2782



CHRISTMAS IS COMING !

Can you believe it? There are only “42” days before we’ll be rolling into Live Oak for our Annual Christmas campout! It’s time to start planning for this very special Lazy Daze outing. The Berggreen’s have volunteered (once again) to acquire our Christmas tree which will be donated to a needed family at the end of the caravan. We always ask that each member bring a single ornament to add to the lights and garlands to adorn the tree.



In the past our beautiful Christmas Trees have not only been instrumental in getting all of us in the holiday spirit but more importantly provided a family with a tree that they would not have had.

We’ll need volunteers to help decorate the pavilion and put lights and garlands on the tree. All supplies will be provided; it’s the man/women power that’s needed. This is a fun way to get to know your fellow Lazy Dazers but the really big plus is that it definitely gets you in the Christmas mood. The decorating process will begin Wednesday around 1:00 p.m. It takes approximately 2 hours to transform the drab pavilion into a festive holiday area for all to enjoy. So come on down- we need you help!

Our Christmas caravan wouldn’t be complete without your immense donations of soft, cuddly teddy bears for our “Highway Hugs” program. Mama Bear and Papa Bear (Joe & Laureta Gibbs) are ready to fill their car and Lazy Daze with hundreds of critters donated by you. In the past the tree has been surrounded deep in Teddy Bears; I’m sure the same will take place again with your generous contribution. So bring on da bears! (Not the Chicago Football ones!)

The “Len Philippi Memorial Washer Toss Tournament” will take place on Friday. Come watch the Champions of Champions duel it out.

We’ll have the Craft Sale on Saturday morning where you can do some serious Christmas shopping. All items are made by our very own talented Caravaners. If you want a table for selling, see Rosie Reeder #1397 and she’ll reserve one for you.

The semi-annual raffle will take place following the General Meeting on Saturday. Bring a new gift to donate to our only fund raiser and then buy some raffle tickets and just maybe you’ll win something out of this world.

Then to top it all off on Saturday evening plan on coming together for an “Attitude Adjustment and Finger Food Feast” complete with holiday music, bonfire (if there is no fire danger), to share in the Christmas spirit with your fellow Lazy Dazers. This year we will not have a dance band, (the Golden Caravan funds have been exhausted); in place Don & I will bring our Big Screen Outdoor Theater and show an entertaining Christmas movie, make sure you bring your long-johns and a warm blanket for snuggling and come join the fun. It’s going to be a busy but fun caravan; we hope you can make it and seriously think about helping out with the decorations, moving tables in and out and what ever else comes up to make this a memorable caravan!



Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 36

120 Volt AC Panel Melt Down

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The 120 Volt Alternating Current (AC) circuit breakers are located in the Power Center inside the coach. It is behind a brown panel that is about 14 inches wide by 12 inches high. The bottom half of the panel has louvers for ventilation of the converter and the top half is hinged and when open, it reveals the AC circuit breakers and DC fuses. My rig is a 2001 Lazy Daze 26 Rear Bath and has a MagneTek Series 7300 Power Center. The cover panel on my 2001 is easily removed by unscrewing the four Torx head fasteners. On earlier year rigs, I have encountered Phillips head screws. The purpose of the "Converter" is to provide 12 Volt DC power when the rig is connected to an AC power source - typically the generator or "shore-power".

The "Main" circuit breaker is rated at 30 Amps and should trip and shut off the 120 Volt AC if the current exceeds 30 Amps. Recently I have become aware of two cases where the AC current apparently exceeded the circuit breaker capacity enough to melt and char the wire insulation at Neutral Buss bar in the AC portion of the Converter Panel. The photo below is from a 2007 26 Rear Bath:



The other case was a 2000 26 Rear Kitchen and the "melt down" happened in hot weather with the air conditioning "On", the Microwave "On", and a several other AC appliances "On" while connected to "shore power" without a surge protector.

It is important to periodically check for loose set screws in the buss bars. A loose connection can create a "welding like" current arc. Be sure the AC source is disconnected before removing the protective metal plate covering the AC panel

The single largest current "hog" is the air conditioner. My 13,500 BTU unit draws 15.5 Amps for the compressor and fan motors. During start-up, a motor will momentarily draw much more current. Until I have more information about what happened, I will turn "Off" my air conditioner whenever I use other high current AC devices. Remember to leave the air conditioner "Off" for at least two to three minutes before turning it back "On". Most surge protectors have this "delay" built in.

[Techsnoz](http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Techsnoz/), the "Tech Talk" website.

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



SAFETY TEAM “BE PREPARED” BULLETIN

Your Safety Team recommends that all travelers should carry a basic First Aid Kit readily available in their vehicle. It should be stocked for their personal needs. Contents suggested by Safety Team member, Lurlie Edgecomb are:

OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE! Your currently completed Health History form for each passenger:

Antiseptic, liquid and ointment (such as First Aid cream)

Cotton balls and applicators (Q tips)

Bandage assortment

Band-aids

Sterile gauze pads (different sizes)

Roller gauze bandage

Ace and triangular bandage

Adhesive tape

Scissors, tweezers, needles

Ice pad

Thermometer

Flashlight (alkaline batteries)

Medications (check for current date)

Personal prescriptions

Antibiotic ointment

Anti-itch cream or lotion such as benadryl Or cortisone cream or calamine lotion

Your Caravan Club has a well-stocked First Aid supply kit for Code Blue use. Minor needs should be personally handled, but the team members are always available for assistance.

We wish you continued happy and safe travels free of emergencies,

Submitted by Don and Marjorie Richards
Safety Team Officers



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



Art & Barbara Berggreen #2771
www.lazydazecaravanclub.org

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.

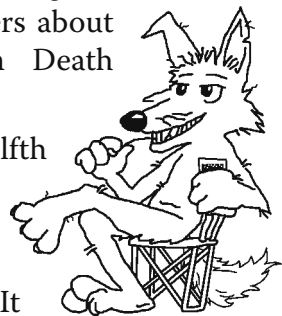
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DEATH VALLEY IS COMING YOUR WAY!

Thought it might be nice to give an early reminder to all caravaners about experiencing New Years in Death Valley.

This will be our twelfth gathering of new and old friends and if you ask around you will find quite a number of people have been attending. It started with four rigs and last year we had 27, which were down from previous years.



We share hors d'oeuvres (hot and cold) every evening and you bring your own drinks, some people call it a normal DVD (Death Valley Dinner). On New Year's Eve we bring out more food than you can imagine and bring in the New Year sipping champagne or whatever.

You have the opportunity to go sight-seeing, photographing, tour Scotty's Castle, plan your own 4-wheeling trips, or just sitting around relaxing. We also have a washer toss tournament and plenty of time to practice. In the past we've had soup night, hamburger night, gone to Beatty for breakfast, had a group breakfast in camp, etc. Please come to our meeting at Live Oak to get the agenda.

Give it some thought and at Live Oak we will schedule a meeting to go into more detail. If you have any questions, ask Frances Smith, #2206 or Rosemary Webb, #2477. You also can give us a phone call or email your questions.

Frances Smith, #2206

