



THE CARAVANER

Happy Holidays



MESSAGE FROM YOUR WAGON MASTER

Welcome To Live Oak Camp

December 2009

This is going to be one very special caravan! It's not only our Christmas holiday outing which makes it exceptional but it's also one I have very mixed emotions about. Yes, I'm looking forward to retiring to begin our new exciting adventure; relocating to Oregon at this age is a major step in our lives, but one we are anxious to get underway. On the other hand, stepping down from this position I love so much is going to be very difficult when that final day arrives. I have truly enjoyed all aspects of being your Wagon Master for the past seven years and yes, I'm going to miss the challenge and satisfaction of creating a memorable caravan nine times a year. On top of the memorable caravan list undoubtedly will be the Golden Caravan, which was an undertaking I will feel proud of until my dying day. There are many other untold rewards most of which have derived from the occasions when I stop and take the opportunity to observe so many having so much fun. That has been truly the most gratifying part of this job!

There is no way on this earth that I could ever have done any of this without my devoted, understanding husband by my side! He has been considerate, thoughtful, accepting, tolerant, indulgent, sympathetic, perceptive, sensitive but most of all totally supportive. All the while he has endured neglect, desertion, been ignored, and has gone without untold number of meals for years. He's been my sounding-board and shoulder to cry on, and my partner to laugh and share with; he has always been there for me and words can never express my love for him. I'm letting it be known, that when it comes down to it, he is going to miss this more than I! His eagerness to help not only me but you the members, is what he thrives on. All of you have become a huge part of his life; his ability to identify who is arriving in camp by the color and floor plan of the rig and the tow car says it all. He knows all of you exceptionally well! We have made a great team and when we can no longer get out and about, we'll have wonderful caravan times to relive, countless special moments to reminiscence and of course so many wonderful people who we will never forget! As the song says, "Thanks for the Memories"!

It doesn't seem like it's been 7 ½ years when two long-standing members approached me at Santee Lakes one Sunday morning and asked if I would consider taking on the job of Wagon Master. At the time I thought they were joking – a woman in a man's position, no way! Those two very special people are no longer with us and I would have loved to have them here for my last caravan as Wagon Master. One very exceptional person, Harry "Crabby" Edgecomb, who passed away Christmas eve 2003 and Ron Von Soosten, who loved this club as much as I, (although the scoundrel, sold his Lazy Daze too soon!) are the two responsible for me taking on this job. Little did they know just how much they were doing for me – not for the club. They gave me the unique opportunity to provide enjoyment and entertainment for so many over these past seven years; something few ever get the privilege to experience. Because of them and my loving husband I have been truly blessed! I only wish that everyone could feel the satisfaction and pleasure that I have encountered. It's truly something very special that words could never adequately convey.

With this new restructuring I can now step down knowing that the club will survive, that it will be there for the new members to enjoy what the earlier 2,975 members have for over 53 years. My undying gratitude to those that have come forward to carry on is immeasurable. I have insured them I will be available for any and all questions that may arise and hopefully I have made this transition as easy as possible for them. All I ask from you, is that each one of you continues to make this club a big part of your lives and in turn insure its longevity. Remember, it's your club and you make it what it is! You are the best members anywhere so therefore we have the best RV club there is! It's up to all of you to keep it moving forward.

For this my last caravan, I hope you too take away nothing but wonderful memories and know you have given me more than you will ever realize. This is not good-by for we'll look forward to seeing you at Lake Perris in January as typical members of the finest Lazy Daze Caravan Club.

Don & I wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful, healthy New Year!

Thank you for the past seven outstanding years!

Rosemary & Don



HOW MANY DOES IT TAKE?

I couldn't end my tenure as your Wagon Master without acknowledging the many members that have contributed their time and talent to make this club what it is today. It is because of them that sets the Lazy Daze Caravan Club apart from all the rest. It would be impossible to list the hundreds that have come forward and helped out in countless ways over the past seven years. But I would be remiss if I didn't mention those that have been there for you and me lately. I'm sure there are some contributors that did not get listed; please accept my apologies and know that what you have provided for this club is enormously appreciated by us all!

Linda & Gary Geneser – Assistant Wagon Master, Liberian, and Gary the foremost supporter and helper. Linda being the “master of decorations” always made the Host Tent a festive place to gather.

Frances & Bob Smith – Assistants to the Assistant and all round helpers keeping all of us on our toes, affectionately known as “the Energizer Bunnies.”

Executive Council Members – Dave Spencer, Steve Tivy, Gene Caulfield, Don Richards, Joe Gibbs, Bob Filler, Barbara Berggreen, George Reeder, Dave Grover, Herb Johnson, Don Ashley

Secretary – Jane Fletcher

Treasurer – Charlene Tutterrow

Statistician/Record Keeper – Marlin Zabel, Ron Von Soosten

Caravaner Editor – Dave Hurley, Donna La Porte, Frances Smith

At Large Reps – Steve Tivy, Dave & Laura Techentin, Jane Farwell

Group Reps – Zoe Caires, Back Scratchers ★ Dave Hurley, Class C Campers ★ Vern Tutterrow, Drifters ★ Don Ashley, Firesiders ★ Don Richards, Dave Spencer, No-Mads ★ Bob Hawken, Outbacks ★ Sally Caulfield, Gretchen Heritage, Past Tents ★ Mal Jenkins, Roadrunners

Church of the Lazy Daze – Roland Wass, Leonard & Ivy Crocker

Computer Meeting – Gordon Greene - PC, Cynthia Casebolt - MAC

Craft Sale – Rosie Reeder

Genealogy – Jan Hawken

Good Will Ambassador – Mona Shaner

First Timers Meeting – Terry Tanner

Halloween – Laurie Edgecomb

Highway Hugs Program – Joe & Laureta Gibbs

Nature Walk – Lurlie Edgecomb

PA Set-Up – Terry Joe

Photographers – Bob Filler, Christine Nordstrom, Bob & Frances Smith, Gene Caulfield, Donna La Porte

Pot of Gold Committee – Ed Widmer, Jan Hawken, Mona Shaner, Sue Mercer, Lucy Joe, Millie Reiner, Carolyn Weir

Safety Committee – Don & Marjorie Richards, Norm Bolia, Howard Cleek, Lurlie Edgecomb, Bob Filler, Bob Frost, Gary Geneser, Al Granger, Dave Grover, Check Herbert, Larry Holms, Bob Lowe, Ruben Pasillas, Louise Parth, Don Sitts, Dave Spencer, Steve Tivy, Rosemary Webb, Doris Wren.

Tech Talk – Terry Tanner

Washer Toss – John Mailliard

Weatherman – Steve Tivy

Webmaster – Barbara Berggreen

Women's Only Meeting – Laureta Gibbs

Collecting Afghans for the Painted Turtle Children's Camp – Jane Farwell

Collecting Aluminum Can for Dog for the Deaf – Paul & Ursula Grinde, Mike & Margaret Skinner

Collecting Items for Mercy House Homeless – Rosie Reeder

Collecting Labels for School Supplies – Catherine Mailliard

Collecting Pull Tabs for Ronald McDonald House – Betty Boschma

When you see any of these very giving volunteers – why not give them a big “thank you” for all they do?
Without a doubt they deserve it!



A Word From Your Assistant Wagon Master

For those of you who were not at Butterfield on Tuesday you missed the wind, but a number of hardy people braved it and arrived safely. We finally put the host tent up at mid morning on Wednesday.



The costumes on Friday evening were just great. None of us can figure out who the dirty old man was trying to give us candy and using his mirror to look up the ladies dresses. Who are you and are you going to come forward to reveal your identity?

At this holiday caravan please come out and enjoy the festive spirit that will for sure be going on through out the four days.

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 December 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



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

It was nice seeing the sign-up sheet fill so quickly by the many happy volunteers.

Thanks to the following people for volunteering to work the host tent:

Vern and Charlene Tutterrow

John Mailliard

Gary Geneser

Bob and LuAnne Lowe

Ruben and Jenny Pasillas

Dan and Gretchen Heritage

Bob Filler

Bob and Cynthia Casebolt

Class C Campers

George and Rose Reeder

Joe and Jane Fletcher

Jim and Marilyn Ramey

Enos and Joyce Hirst

Bill Arthur

Betty Boschma

Don and Verona Mc Cutcheon

The Road Runners

Al and Lydia Granger

Gordon and Dottie Greene

Assistant Wagon Master
Frances Smith



Goodwill Ambassador Report

Well it looks like some of you were keeping the doctors and the hospitals busy since last we were together. It is hard for me to figure where to start with this article. Maybe I should start with what is happening today, November 3rd, and work backwards. Today, URSULA GRINDE #2003 of the Firesiders is having surgery after her mammo-gram turn up some bad news for her.



Another cancer victim, CAROLE HURLEY #229 of the Class C Campers is suffering from being house bound due to her chemo. It would be nice for both her and DAVE to hear from you through a phone call or greeting card to let them know that your thoughts are with them during their trying time.

Yet another cancer victim, Back Scratcher, JOHN CAIRES, #2851 was diagnosed with prostate cancer recently. Let this be a reminder to you all, guys and dolls, to get your yearly check ups. You surely don't want to see your name mentioned here.

SHIRLEY McKINNEY #2049 At Large was recently diagnosed with diabetes and while she was adjusting to her new diet she proceeded to contact Bell's Palsy. One of these ailments is bad enough, but to have both dumped on you is bad timing and not much fun.

Nomad, MARIE WILSON #2616 is in the hospital for tests of unknown source.

Recently, LOUISE PARTH #2590 of At Large, was in the hospital with an aneurysm near her heart. She must be recovering nicely as she was seen at Butterfield playing washers.

EDYTHE WASS #749, wife of our retired minister of the Church of the Lazy Daze, fell and according to a reliable source she received a boo-boo and had to have a pin placed in her hip.

Road Runner, CHUCK HERBERT #2008 drove home from Indian Hills in September with major blockages in his heart that required having stents installed and while he was in the hospital he had a heart attack.

ROSEMARY KRAUSE #2348 of the Outbacks

also fell and cracked a bone running over an artery that goes to the brain. She is forced to wear a brace for awhile so everything heals properly.

By the time you read this I hope my ever lovin', BYRON SHANER #2817 of the Back Scratchers has recovered from his cardiac ablation to all four heart chambers. They are doing all four chambers on November 9th as they do not know which one is the trigger. The last few years we have spent numerous times in the ER with him having arterial fibrillation to the point he had to be shocked to get him to convert back to normal heart beat.

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



Art & Barbara Berggreen #2771
www.lazydazecaravanclub.org





Freaky Friday

Boo! Hiss! Shriek!!

Freaky Friday Frolics came together for our Halloween celebration as the weather, full moon and, earlier in the day, the Lazy Elves cooperated. Hey, we know how to put on a party! We had ourselves a spooky evening. The Elves helped put up and, on Saturday, take down the decorations around the pool at Butterfield Ranch. Most everyone got a sugar high. The full moon was a nice touch. Quite a number of you came in some version of a costume. No one knew who the ghost was until Rosemary spoke. We still aren't sure if The Dirty Old Man with a mirror taped to a stick (all the better to look up a girl's skirt) was a Lazy Dazer or not.

Nine competitors entered the Pumpkin Contest which had three divisions. 120 voters came to the following conclusions:

Carved had five entries:

First place: Don McCutcheon Rig 2727
(the stem was the long, hooked nose)

Second place: John VanWongerghem Rig 2780
(the carving showed a train in the grin)

Third place: Joann Watson Rig 2741
(gray pumpkin with funnel for tin man hat)

Decorated had three entries:

First place: Jan Hawken Rig 2790
(pumpkin became a turkey)

Second place: Joanne Wayne Rig 2236
(the peeking po-po)

Third place: Louise Parth Rig 2590
(Pumpkitty)



Fall Arrangements (you do the math):

First Place: Joanne Wayne Rig 2236

And then, there was the Apple Bobbing Contest! We had six bobbers: two boys from the regular campers, two girls from the residents, and two brave men from our Dazeys: George Watson Rig 2741 and Gene Caulfield Rig 2031. They all got their apples. A zero failure rate!! Again, I wish to thank the Dazey Elves who helped put up and take down decorations and provide things I had forgotten. That was splendid teamwork and a fun time for everyone.



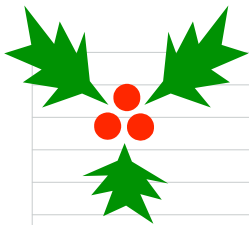
Lurlie Edgecomb #2285

Freaky Friday

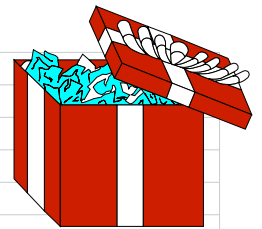




Photos submitted by Bob and Frances Smith



**2009 LEN PHILLIPI MEMORIAL WASHER TOSS TOURNAMENT
QUALIFIED PLAYERS
AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2009**



ARTHUR, BILL
 BREWER, JIM
 CAULFIELD, GENE
 CLEEK, HOWARD
 CROSS, JOHN
 FILLER, BOB
 FLETCHER, JOE
 HURLEY, DAVE
 JUDD, WILLIE
 KURKOSKI, AL NW CARAVAN
 LOWE, BOB
 MAURER, CHRIS
 MERCER, ALLEN
 MURPHY, ROD
 NELSON, DON
 PASILLAS, RUBEN
 PHILLIPS, GARY
 PLEIL, JOHNATHAN
 POTTS, CLAUDE
 REEDER, GEORGE
 REINER, DON
 SCHMAHL, BOB
 SHANER, BYRON
 SMITH, BOB
 SPENCER, DAVE
 TALMEDGE, BOB
 TANNER, TERRY
 TUTTERROW, VERN
 WELLS, GARY

CAIRES, STEPHANIE
 CAIRES, ZOE
 COOK, ANN
 DEVOS, JEAN
 EDGECOMB, LURLIE
 FARWELL, JANE
 GENESER, LINDA
 HURLEY, CAROLE
 JENSEN, BONNIE
 KRAUSE, ROSEMARY
 LAPORTE, DONNA
 LOWE, LUANNE
 LUDOLPH, JAN
 MCCUTCHEON, VERONA
 MERCER, SUE
 NORDSTROM, CHRISTINE
 PHILLIPS, JEAN
 POTTS, CAROL
 PRATT, TINA NE CARAVAN
 REINER, MILLIE
 SITTS, BARBARA
 SMITH, FRANCES
 SPENCER, KATHERINE
 THIMLAR, DELORES
 TUTTERROW, CHARLENE
 WELLS, VELNA



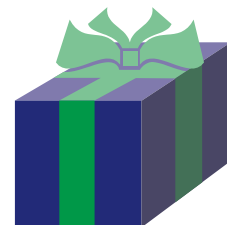
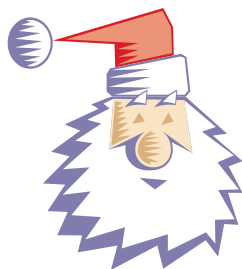
Winners for October:

1st Place — Chris Maurer
 Ann Cook

2nd Place — Bob Smith
 Donna LaPorte



Around the Camp Photos by Bob Filler



Anniversaries



Roger & Donna LaPorte #2711—50th



Leonard & Ivy Crocker #2512—75th



Merlin & Delores Thimlar #1523—75th



Don & Carol Ashley #652—225th

First Timer

John & Nancy Parks — #2975



From the Editor

The deadline for articles is the Sunday following each Caravan. Thank you for your continuing support in the production of the Caravaner.

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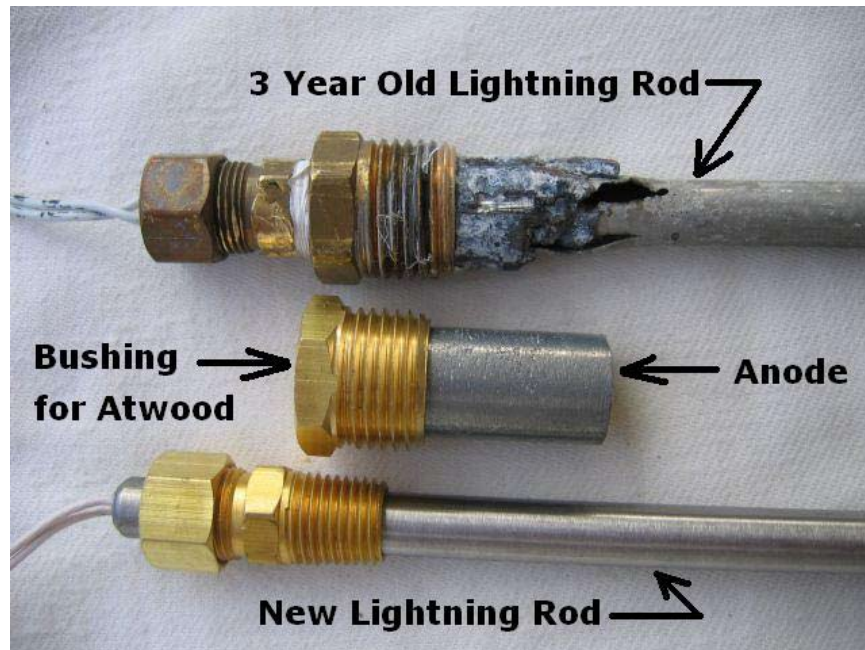
Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 45

Water Heater – AC Element Troubleshooting

12/2009

The after market Lightning Rod AC heating element my 2001 Lazy Daze Rear Bath started tripping the circuit breaker after about three years of service. The initial installation was detailed in Tech Talk “Article22.pdf”. The Lightning rod is wired to my AC panel and it is the only device on that circuit. When my rig was plugged into a non-GFI outlet, the breaker would trip after the Lightning Rod had been on for several hours. I would reset the breaker and it would be OK right away and then trip again after several hours. I moved the Lightning Rod to another breaker and it would trip the same way, so it was not a bad breaker. I plugged my rig into a 20 Amp GFI outlet and the GFI would trip the instant that the Lightning Rod was turned on. I suspected that it was a short in the thermostat when the water temperature reached the shutoff setting. Before ordering a replacement thermostat, I went to the manufacturer’s website, <http://www.nwleisureproducts.com>. The website was “under construction” so I used the “Contact Us” link and described my problem. That evening I received a lengthy and thoughtful email and the recommendation was to remove the element from the water heater and inspect it. I found two opened cracks and a small hole in the element as shown in the picture below:



The picture was taken after I brutalized the old Lightning Rod element in an unsuccessfully attempt at separating the element from the “fused” anode.

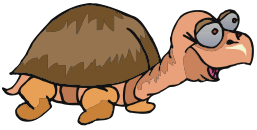
The replacement “6 Gallon” element was \$38 and the “Atwood Bushing/Anode” was \$5 for a total cost of \$43 with free shipping and no sales tax. Delivery was in two days by US Postal Service. The people at NW Leisure Products at (800) 654-2742 in Gladstone, Oregon were very helpful. Dennis in Technical Support was very thorough in replying to my questions and he was absolutely “on” in his diagnosis.

The Lightning Rod typically costs about \$100 for the 6 gallon water heater. I did not figure in the cost of maybe having to replace the heating element periodically. One could buy many gallons of propane with the money spent for the trade off of the quiet and convenient use of “free” 120 Volt AC power when you have hookups.

[Techsnoz](http://www.techsnoz.com), the “Tech Talk” website.

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

Terry Tanner Rig #2779



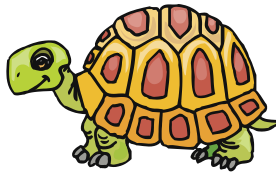
Painted Turtle

Lest we forget Paul Newman who wanted to have a summer camping experience for terminally ill children through out the USA. California's camp is called Painted Turtle. And the beat goes on!!!

Please stop by my table at the Craft Fair on Saturday and see the afghans made by your fellow campers. I hope to have the story on video, electricity willing at Live Oak. I will also have some yarn, thanks to Sally Caulfield now a new member of Team Turtle, and some supplies for an incentive to pearl two, knit or crochet. I will also have some simple patterns incase you have not done this in a while and need refresher instructions.

I thank always all the members of Team Turtle who keep them coming.

Jane Farwell
The Afghan Collector



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Where Are We — Submitted by Bob Filler

