

# THE CARAVANER



Lake Perris SRA

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## MESSAGE FROM YOUR WAGON MASTER

### Happy New Year Lazy Dazers!

Here we are at the beginning of yet another year of caravanning with the best people anywhere. It's hard to believe that this is the beginning of my seventh year as your Wagon Master. It seems like only yesterday when we were at Lone Wolf where I was nervous, scared and somewhat apprehensive, nevertheless excited, about taking on this job. I couldn't tell you what went on or what I said when I held that first General Meeting in front of so many faces; most of whom I knew but most who also were wondering where the club was heading. Because of your support you have made a once scary thing, something that has become quite comfortable and as they say, "it's now a piece of cake!" As for where the club was heading, I hope I aimed it in the right direction; I feel that for the most part it did go forward with improved organization and better communication. We have added some items and dropped others. We formulated new and fun events to bring members out of their groups with the goal that they would get to know other Lazy Dazers; now, there are many that have expanded friendships. The stigma of the groups being cliquish has diminished a great deal. Most groups have set out huge welcome mats to host 1st Timers and made them feel wanted; the returning numbers attest to that. The demeanor now of most all caravaners is one of fun, friendship, thoughtfulness, helpfulness and unconditional support. Where else can you find those exceptional qualities in a group this large? We are truly one very extraordinary collection of loving, caring people! And I feel honored to be a part of this unique organization for over 15 years.

I hope you have all found a comfortable spot at this new location here at Lake Perris. It's interesting to see how everyone adjusts to a new situation and quickly becomes accustomed to change. Now here comes the segway.....I hope when the new leadership comes on board that you will make him/her or they feel as comfortable as you did for me. This is an immense undertaking and support from all of you is invaluable and a most necessary element in any Wagon Masters success. Change has many characteristics; for some, changes are difficult to deal with, the feeling of uncertainty and hesitation abound; while others see change as necessary and is looked upon as a good, progressive thing. For everyone in our club, each will see this change differently. Some of you will again wonder where the club is heading, not really comfortable with the change. For those that take on jobs volunteering their time and expertise, could possibly see it with uncertainty and the question whether to continue with their positions; hopefully they will! Some will be excited about a new revitalization, a new and different approach of doing things and eagerly come to the forefront and contribute their abilities. As for the new leader(s), the change hopefully will be exciting, abundant with enthusiasm and yes, at first even scary, but will enter into it with unlimited energy and the devotion and determination to continue to make this the best RV club found anywhere. With the member's total support and cooperation this will happen, there's proof it can, it happened seven years ago!

After this outing, Don & I will have only seven more caravans to bring together for you; not alone, but with a team of dedicated volunteers that help out in so many ways adding so much to the enjoyment for so many. What a special thing it is to be able to be in this position, to know and work with so many wonderful people, it truly is a privileged experience.

We're looking forward spending these next seven caravans with our very outstanding Lazy Daze family and wish each and every one of you a healthy, happy and yes even in these difficult times, hopefully a prosperous 2009.

*Rosemary*



## **A Word From Your Assistant Wagon Master**

Happy New Year Lazy Daze Family.



It was absolutely perfect at Live Oak last month. While Gary and I were driving to Live Oak we talked about how fast the year had gone by. The monthly outings gave us the very needed time to get away and take a deep breath and relax. Just being with our extended family was restful in itself. Gary and I consider ourselves very lucky. Now it was almost Christmas. Frankly I wasn't ready for Christmas. It didn't seem like it was that time of year already. Where had the time gone. Each year goes by faster than the last.

When we arrived at Live Oak we were pleasantly surprised by how clean it was thanks to our great camp host. Rosemary, Don, Gary and I went about decorating the host tent, setting up bulletin boards and even decorating our rigs. We were done by 3:00 PM. That was a first. It was going to be a great week indeed and it certainly was.

You couldn't have asked for better weather. Warm during the day and cool at night. Perfect for snuggling! Although my sweetie was nursing a cold so I had to keep my distance. We all celebrated the beginning of the Christmas holidays with four beautiful fun filled days. Between all the different meetings, bingo, the raffle, washer toss, pot lucks, finger food feast and of coarse 'Saturday Night at the Movies'. Rosemary and Don brought their outdoor theater and showed the movie Christmas With the Kranks.

It was a very busy week and a whole lot of fun.

Gary and I would like to wish each and every one of you a very Happy

And prosperous New Year. May you all have good health and everything you want and wish for come true. Have a wonderful campout and I will see you out and about.

*Linda GeneSer*  
Assistant Wagon Master



# **WE SALUTE YOU**

## **HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR DECEMBER**

As always we had a wonderful group of volunteers at the host tent for our December outing. It was a pleasure to greet all of them as they came up to the tent to become the official welcomers of the caravan. Your volunteers were:

**Vern and Charloene Tutterrow**

**John and Cathy Mailliard**

**Allen and Sue Mercer**

**Dave and Laura Techentin**

**Tom and Jan Heimstra**

**Herb and Marion Coddington**

**Marlin and Peggy Zabel**

**Ruben and Jenny Pasillas**

**Dave and Katharine Spencer**

**Bob and LuAnne Lowe**

**Al and Lydia Granger**

**Bob and Joanne Wayne**

**Bob and Di Filler**

**Larry and Sharon Turner**

**Norm and Dolores Bolia**

**Lynn and Randy Murray**

**Irene Paulin**

**Anita Campbell**

**Jim and Ann Cook**

**Paul and Ursula Grinde**

**The Class 'C' Campers**

**Back Scratchers**

**Roadrunners**

You are what makes this club work. I can't thank you all enough. If you haven't worked the host tent for a while do come down and sign up. I am always there to help.

*Linda GeneSer #2745*  
Assistant Wagon Master

## Goodwill Ambassador Report

Well, I see we are back to our old habits of getting sick or having accidents. I guess I should look on it as a job security issue for me. I hope you all stayed healthy through the holidays minus any aches or pains.



ART VORBECK #2589 of the Class C Campers had a defibrillator implanted in late October. He was uncomfortable at the time, but hopefully that has passed by now.

Former Outback, BELVA LINDBLAD #1230 is suffering from a case of shingles on top of her cancer. Anyone who would like to send her a card her address is: 43749 Alain Ct., Lancaster, CA 93535-4292. A card from you who knew would cheer her I'm sure.

On November 11th, Back Scratcher, DON McCUTCHEON #2727 had an angiogram and then had a stent installed. This had to be done as he failed his stress test for his upcoming shoulder surgery which will be delayed three months. I wonder if this was caused by that wild wicked coffee he makes on our caravans.

Firesider, DON ROE #2094, suffered a fall and hopefully he will be recovered by this caravan.

Former Procrastinator, VEDA GREEN #1754 has passed away. For those of you who like to send a card to her family; her son's address is: Gordon Greene, 194 Genoa Way, Upland, CA 91786-6151.

To end on a sad note with a happy ending, VERN & CHARLENE TUTTERROW #1222 of the Drifters lost their beloved poodle; Toki due to unforeseen circumstances. They have since acquired a darling cinnamon-colored poodle puppy, which they have named Cheyenne. After receiving many puppy kisses from her, I can truthfully say she is a real sweetheart.

Here is to a healthier New Year

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## HIGHWAY HUGS

Laureta & Joe Gibbs  
(AKA Mama & Papa Bear)

We have just one thing to say this month and that is a big, BIG THANK YOU EVERYONE!!!!!!!!!! Our tow was full to the gunnels and we are delighted to be able to take your gifts to the CHP offices and help them bring some solace to little ones who find themselves in negative situations. THANK YOU for helping us achieve this goal.

## Washer Toss Champions



Bob Filler and Velna Wells Champion Washer Toss players with John Mailliard

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)

# CLASS "C" CHILE COOKOFF

Photos by Don Kratzer



# Finger Food



Lydia Granger's card workshop



Executive Board recognizing Rosemary and Linda



# Christmas Craft Sale



# Around the Camp

Photos by Frances Smith



Drifters



BackScratchers



Firesiders



Nomads



Outbacks

# Where Are We?

Two entries this month!

This first entry is submitted by Rod & Michele Murphy Rig #2906



The second entry is submitted by Mikio & Dorothy Osaki Rig #2945



The winner of "Where Are We" for last month was John Mailliard, location was the Astoria-Megler Bridge crossing the mouth of the Columbia River on Hwy 101





# Mother Nature

aka Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



A solitary scrub jay arrowed across the path of my old, blue Lazy Daze as we left the San Marcos Golf Course and proceeded back along the meandering path beneath the live Oaks. At first glance, camp looked quiet and very still. Not always so, according to the camp host. A pair of coyotes and a mountain lion will check out the camp so be wary. Was I the only one who heard the yodeling in the early morning hours? The turkeys seemed to be gone though several of you reported seeing a tom and three hens near the golf course as well as some deer and quail. The were deer prints near the corral.

A fox was spotted by a dog walker. Three young condors were ID'd overhead by the mother of a condor keeper. The next biggest birds that I saw were the many crows, big and shiny black. A few acorn woodpeckers were about as were California towhees, western bluebirds and black phoebes. Their numbers will swell before May when we return in the middle of their nesting efforts.

Three species of small and very active birds returned mornings and late afternoons to the oak trees beside and behind my rig. The perky gray one with bright black eyes with a topknot was a male oak titmouse. The titmice females have a more rounded head. Usually found in the lower branches of a tree or on the ground searching through leaf litter, these seed and bug eaters will come to a feeder. Also searching the ground were dark-eyed (Oregon) juncos. Looking for the same food, they are more vigorous in their searches. Adult males have a gray-brown body with the entire head being a shiny black The females have a dark gray head. The most unusual of my three visitors was the white-breasted nuthatch. You catch sight of them upside down, either on a branch or tree trunk. When they reach bottom, they may fly back up and start down again. This enables them to see bugs or seeds that other birds miss. I discovered they will eat bread crumbs that have been put into the bark. A soft gray on their backs and heads is trimmed with a black stripe around their faces down to the lower breast with face, neck, and chin all in white.

Perhaps the weirdest sightings were of the wild pig(s) by several of my Nature Watchers. Black and hairy and tearing up the ground were the descriptions I heard. He/she/they were searching for acorns, grubs and tender roots. This is not a critter you want in your garden. When the food runs out, nature's rototiller will move on (or not). Be sure to look for the owls at Buena Vista and don't feed the coots, please.

## Christmas Decorators



# DEATH VALLEY NEWS!

Article and Photos by Frances Smith

What can you say about the weather in Death Valley? Nothing! You never know what to expect. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we were outside in sweatshirts, 24<sup>th</sup> cloudy and cool, and on Christmas day all we could do was sit inside and rock to 50 MPH winds, ask the Osaki's, Blackwood/McAnena's and Smith's. The winds finally calmed down late afternoon and we came outside and played washer toss. But let me tell you, starting on the 26<sup>th</sup> you could not have had better weather. I believe it was the best we ever had there.



Around 10 A.M. the Webb's and Tutterrow's arrived on the 26<sup>th</sup> and more followed. In the end we had 40 rigs.

Everyone gobbled hot dogs, and then hamburgers another night, then hot soup for another and of course happy hour every evening. Also, there was a lot of washer toss practicing for the tournament on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Plenty of four wheeling, sight seeing and visiting were enjoyed by all.

We went to have lunch at Stovepipe Wells on the 29<sup>th</sup> and everyone caravanned over, I believe we had 15 cars traveling there. Going to Stovepipe Wells for lunch seems to be becoming a tradition for those attending Death Valley.

What a great pot luck breakfast! You can't imagine the different breakfast selections. Needless to say we were stuffed.

I know you are waiting breathlessly to hear about our washer toss tournament. We had 13 teams and John ran a triple elimination tournament. Bob and LuAnn Lowe won first place with Vern Tutterrow and Stephanie Caires coming in second.

We started bringing in the New Year at 4 P.M. with tables full of food. At seven Don Webb started popping the champagne and Steve Tivy made our toast for the New Year. A few die hards stayed up until 10:45 P.M. Does that mean we are getting old?

Hopefully everyone had a good time and it was nice getting to know some of our Lazy Daze friends better. See you next year.



Death Valley Washer Toss Winners  
1st place: Bob and LuAnn Lowe  
2nd place: Vern Tutterrow and Stephanie Caires



# Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 38

Speedometer/Odometer Failure

01/2009

When I was on my way home from the Indian Hill Caravan in September, the speedometer failed to record my velocity and the odometer and the overdrive "Off" light on the end of the gear shift lever was flashing. I stopped many miles later and checked the "error code" on my Scan Gauge and it was for the "Output Shaft Speed Sensor" or "OSS". I found that if I stopped, cleared the "codes", and left the engine off for maybe a half an hour or so the speedometer and odometer would work upon start up, but would fail again after going from 2 to 9 miles. I also noticed that the Scan Gauge was still computing "Miles Per Gallon" off of the Diagnostic Port so speed and distance information was still available. I could also select "Miles Per Hour" on the Scan Gauge and the velocity information matched what "Elvira", my GPS unit, was telling me.

When I first noticed the flashing yellow light, I had a vision of \$1,000 dollars dissolving in front of my eyes. I got home and looked at the Service Manual CD for my 2001 Ford E450 and discovered that all of the dash board gauges were part of a single unit. My \$1,000 vision suddenly turned into a \$2,000 vision. Long gone are the days when the fix for a broken speedometer was to unscrew both ends of the broken speedometer cable and simply replace the cable.

Maybe I could get along without the factory speedometer and odometer. The Scan Gauge and the GPS both give me reliable ground speed. The Scan Gauge also has a resettable "Trip" function that logs the miles driven. It would be some work to manually keep track of the mileage, but it might be better than the open heart surgery that was the alternative. Two discoveries squashed my plan. First, my Gear Vendors overdrive no longer would work as it has a lockout when the speed is less than about 30 Miles Per Hour. Second, I twice experienced a shifting problem with the four speed 4R100 transmission where it would apparently go into neutral instead of up- shifting. My rig would be unresponsive to the accelerator pedal and gradually slow down and then shift normally into gear. The cruise control would probably be inoperative although I never tried using it during the "problem" period.

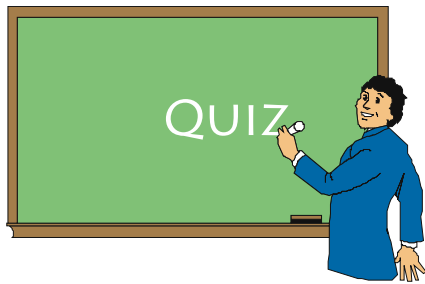
So it was off to Peck Road Ford. They spent almost two hours diagnosing the problem and came back with "You have a Bank's system and they tapped into the wiring so the problem is with Bank's, not Ford". So now I was \$160 lighter in the wallet. I made an appointment with Bank's in Azusa. I got to thinking that I also had the Gear Vendors overdrive so now the "Circle of Blame" has three partners and numerous combinations of responsibility.

I called the Gear Vendors factory in El Cajon and told them of my problem and asked if the Gear Vendors might have something to do with my problem. They said that if the Gear Vendors speed sensor failed, it could be the cause of my problem. I cancelled my appointment at Banks and made an appointment Unitrax in Anaheim.

The good news was that Unitrax found a bad speed sensor and the bad news was the sensor was no longer available and the new speed sensor scheme was incompatible with my overdrive unit. I ended up with a remanufactured and upgraded overdrive for about \$800 and about \$300 labor. So for about \$1260, I can split gears again and enjoy the sound and feel of driving at the correct engine speed. I now have a functioning speedometer and odometer. After market additions have definite benefits, but they are not without some added potential for problems.

[Techsnoz](#), the "Tech Talk" website.

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



## Submitted by Claude Potts

Question: What word doesn't belong to the group below and why?

- Earth
- CD's
- Clock
- Venus
- DVD's
- Watch

Question: On a clock the big hand and the little hand are overlapping and they are 'exactly' between the one and the two. What time is it?

Question: Changing one letter in each of the following words will make new words that are all related. What are the new words?

- Pinch
- Bear
- Wider
- Wing

Question: I can run, but not walk. Wherever I go, thought follows closely behind. What am I?

**Answers will be at the Host Tent**



## Anniversary



Terry Tanner—50 Caravans

# TRIANGLE OF LIFE

Submitted by Don Richards

Extract from Doug Copp, Rescue Chief and Disaster Manager of the American Rescue Team International, the world's most experienced rescue team.

On July 2, 2008 we had a 5.4 earthquake. Where were you at the time it hit? We have all been told to get under a desk, etc. The following is an extract from Doug Copp's article on the "Triangle of Life":

My name is Doug Copp, Rescue Chief and Disaster Manager of the American Rescue Team International (ARTI), the world's most experienced rescue team. The information in this article will save lives in an earthquake.

I have crawled inside 875 collapsed buildings, worked with rescue teams from 60 countries, founded the rescue teams in several countries, and am a member of many rescue teams with many countries. I was the United Nations expert in Disaster Mitigation for two years and worked at every major disaster in the world since 1985, except for simultaneous disasters.

The first building I ever crawled inside of was a school in Mexico City during the 1985 earthquake. Every child was under his/her desk. Every child was crushed to the thickness of their bones. They could have survived by lying down next to their desks in the aisles. It was obscene, unnecessary, and I wondered why the children were not in the aisles. At the time I didn't know that the children were told to hide under something. Simply stated, when buildings collapse, the weight of the ceilings falling upon the objects or furniture inside crushes these objects, leaving a space or void next to them. This space is what I call the 'triangle of life'. The larger the object and the stronger, the less it will compact. The less the object compacts, the larger the void, the greater the probability that the person who is using this void for safety will not be injured.

The next time you watch collapsed buildings on TV, count the triangles you see formed. They are everywhere. It is the most common shape you will see in a collapsed building.

## Tips for Earthquake Safety

1. Almost everyone who simply 'ducks and covers' WHEN BUILDINGS COLLAPSE are crushed to death. People who get under objects, like desks or cars, are crushed.
2. Cats, dogs and babies often naturally curl up in the fetal position. You should, too, in an earthquake. It is a natural safety/survival instinct you can survive in a smaller void. Get NEXT to an object, NEXT to a sofa, NEXT to a large bulky object that will compress slightly but leave a void next to it.
3. Wooden buildings are the safest type of construction to be in during an earthquake. Wood is flexible and moves with the force of the earthquake. If the wooden building does collapse, large survival voids are created. Also, the wooden building has less concentrated, crushing weight. Brick buildings will break into individual bricks. Bricks will cause many injuries but less squashed bodies than concrete slabs.
4. If you are in bed during the night and an earthquake occurs, simply roll off the bed. A safe void will exist around the bed. Hotels can achieve a much greater survival rate in earthquakes, simply by posting a sign on the back of the door of every room telling occupants to lie down on the floor, next to the bottom of the bed during an earthquake.
5. If an earthquake happens and you cannot easily escape by getting out the door or window, then lie down and curl up in the fetal position next to a sofa or large chair.
6. Most everyone who gets under a doorway when buildings collapse is killed. How? If you stand under a doorway and the doorjamb falls forward or backward, you will be crushed by the ceiling above. If the doorjamb falls sideways, you will be cut in half by the doorway. In either case, you will be killed!
7. Never go to the stairs. The stairs have a different 'movement of frequency' (they swing separately from the main part of the building). The stairs and remainder of the building continuously bump into each other until structural failure of the stairs takes place. The people who get on stairs before they fail are chopped by the stair treads - horribly mutilated. Even if the building doesn't collapse, stay away from the stairs. The stairs are a likely part of the

building to be damaged. Even if the stairs are not collapsed by the earthquake, they may collapse later when overloaded by fleeing people. They should always be checked for safety, even when the rest of the building is not damaged.

8. People inside of their vehicles are crushed when the road above falls in an earthquake and crushes their vehicles, which is exactly what happened with slabs between the decks of the Nimitz Freeway. The victims of the San Francisco earthquake all stayed inside of their vehicles. They were killed. They could have lived if they had been able to get out of their cars and sit or lie next to them. All the crashed cars had voids three feet high next to them, except for the cars that had across them.

9. I discovered, while crawling inside of collapsed newspaper offices and other offices with a lot of paper that paper does not compact. Large voids are found surrounding stacks of paper.

In 1966 we made a film which proved my survival methodology to be correct. The Turkish Federal Government, City of Istanbul, University of Istanbul Case Productions and ARTI cooperated to film this practical scientific test. We collapsed a school and a home with 20 mannequins inside, ten mannequins 'duck and cover', and ten mannequins I used in my 'triangle of life' survival method.

After the simulated earthquake collapse, we crawled through the rubble and entered the building to film and document the results. The film, in which I practiced my survival techniques under directly observable, scientific condition, relevant to building elapse, showed there would have been zero percent survival for those doing 'duck and cover'. There would likely have been 100% survivability for people using my method of the 'triangle of life'. This film has been seen by millions of viewers on television in Turkey and the rest of Europe, and it was seen in the USA, Canada and Latin American on the TV Program Real TV.

## Caravaner of the Year



Congratulations to John and Catherine Mailliard for all your hard work and fun activities. You have given us smiles and laughter.

## WOMEN ONLY

*Laureta Gibbs (Mama Bear)*

We had a super turnout at Live Oak amidst some very busy days. It was great to see so many fun and interesting "girls" come out for an hour of socializing (a lot of that!) and some sharing of information on a variety of topics. We will have a meeting at Lake Perris, time will be 2:00 PM on Friday at a site yet to be determined. Please plan on coming out for this get-together. I truly appreciate your support.

How many of you completed your puzzle books? How did you do? Hope you had fun with them.

## 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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