

THE CARAVANER



Welcome Lazy Dazers To Vail Lake Resort Hosted by the Past Tents

March 2010

The outing to Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area, just south of Bakersfield, initially began as a tentative one as the clouds and rain and fog and sun played peek-a-boo amongst the travelers. But that didn't deter a determined band of 83 Lazy Dazers.

"Valentine's Day" seems to continue all month long as we are greeted by the Nomads, with candy kisses (and offers of real ones, too!) as we arrive to register at the host tent. And later, valentine cards seem to show up at the general meeting. The talents of the Nomads extend to "team" T-shirts, replete with a camel (not the smoking kind) embossed on the back of the shirt, thanks to Ruben Pasillas' expert handling.

Each morning we are startled awake to a crazy computerized crowing rooster. So how does one wring his neck? Next comes the stirring morning music and then announcements from the perky voice of Katharine Spencer, encouraging us to "get out of bed" on this, the first foggy, soggy morning. Fog so dense we could hardly see the placid lake, least of all the host tent for coffee, until mid-morning.

At first glance, being an announcer appears to be a daunting task. But Katharine assures us, "all things are possible"—with a little "cheat card", a little practice, and the camaraderie of fellow members. And most importantly, she concludes, is the offer of support received by others. The nicest words she heard, "Can we help?" is a real morale booster—and she promises to pass this along. And thanks too for those who helped at the host tent.

Our bulletin board furnishes information to various destinations within the boundaries of the Bakersfield area (museums, antique stores, oil wells, restaurants, etc.). At the previous outing to Buena Vista we enjoyed traveling to the Carizo Plains nearby.

The highlights of our gatherings, includes the "Pot of Gold" ticket drawings, prizes given at the general meeting, and of course the washer-toss competition—and this one is no exception. Under the carefully crafted planning of John Malliard, we warmed our bodies over eleven different boards until elimination was inevitable. This opportunity to meet, chat, and laugh with our fellow club members is a worthy event.



The club continues to flourish and grow with our new format of a different host each month under the skilled leadership of our new chairman, David Spencer. As we work together we hope to become a stronger united unit.

As we polish off the buffets, catch up on each other's lives, gaze at the endless stars, put out the campfires, we look forward to our next gathering. As you travel, keep a song in your heart, a prayer on your lips, and a good word for your neighbor. A speedy recovery to you, Gary Geneser.

Lynne Mortenson, Nomad contributor

Camp Hosts for Buena Vista



LAZY DAZE SAFETY TEAM

We will certainly miss all of the wonderful volunteer work Don and Marjorie Richards have given to the Lazy Daze Caravan Club. They have thought about how to keep us safe, and well with monthly items in the Caravaner, blood pressure clinics, and exercise classes.

Don and Marjorie Richards have written a procedure for responding to a code blue which I am including in the Caravaner for all current and new volunteers to the safety team. New volunteers please sign up on the posted bulletin board list at the host tent. Won't you join the team?

PROCEDURES WHEN RESPONDING TO A CODE BLUE

SEE THAT WAGON MASTER IS NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY

1. Proper etiquette with patient
 - A. Introduce yourself -- name and function
 - B. Ask permission to help if patient is responsive
 - C. If unresponsive, consult spouse or partner
 - D. Make sure you have the right name
 - E. Don't rush unless major emergency requires it
 - F. Reassure patient
 - G. Be cautious about statements you make
2. Determine problem
 - A. Observe
 - B. Ask patient or partner about symptoms and details of what happened
 - C. Check vital signs: blood pressure, pulse and respirations
 - D. Determine if 911 is needed
 - E. Divide duties
 - a. Crowd control
 - b. Communications
3. Complete PATIENT ASSESSMENT form
4. The following items should be placed in a bag and Sent with patient to hospital if available.
 - a. MEDICAL HISTORY FORM (hopefully found in refrigerator)
 - b. Insurance cards
5. Arrange for transportation for family
6. Determine if pet care is needed

After reading this, PLEASE GO UPDATE YOUR MEDICAL FORMS for yourself, your spouse and your pets. Place forms into a plastic zip lock bag and put in your rig freezer. The medical forms are always available at the host tent.

The supplies in the Lazy Daze FIRST AID BOX have been replenished and dated . It will be kept at the Lazy Daze Host Tent.

Submitted by Joanne Wayne



Washer Toss

Washer Toss Group Winners.

First Place: Back Scratchers Byron Shaner and Verona McCutcheon

Second Place: Drifters Vern Tutterrow and Rosie Reeder



Regular Washer Toss Winners:

1st Place: Dave Hurley and Ann Cook

2nd Place: Mal Jenkins and Velna Wells



WE SALUTE YOU

HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS FOR FEBRUARY

Francis Smith

Don and Rosemary Webb

Allen and Sue Mercer

John and Catherine Malliard

Bob and Joanne Wayne

Jim and Ruth Carter

Bob and Di Filler

Don and Millie Reiner

The Roadrunners

Class 'C' Campers

Betty Boschma and Arthur

George and Rosie Reeder

Dave and Laura Techentin

John and Zoe Caires

Bob and Margo Kody

Gordon and Dottie Greene

Gene and Sally Caulfield

Doug and Janet Baker

All of you did an exceptional job and we thank you.



Around the Camp

Photos by Francis Smith



Women Only Meeting



Coffee was welcome each morning



Pot of Gold staff



Hosting Rotation

By Dave Spencer

Lazy Dazers let me allay your concerns and furrowed brows. The initiation of the rotation has not yet been determined. In fact, that particular method of equitable distribution of venues has not been ratified either. However, we will chose, by majority vote a simple, equitable system of rotating all the groups through all the venues.

I propose the simple move of advancing one venue each September. Thus, June's group would retain the host supplies over the summer and start the next season in September. This would only happen to each group once in nine years. Similarly, each group would only host each venue once in nine years. So, even though there are certain venues some groups usually do not attend, for the greater good of the entire club, once in nine years they would have to overcome their own preferences to support the club.

It has been suggested that we not transition in to this rotation until September 2011. That would allow us to complete the current group assignments we have in place through December 2010. For the



unassigned months between January and June 2011 we could maintain the same assignments; we could draw months from a hat; we could take volunteers; or whatever short term transition plan the club would like to utilize to get us to June 2011.

Please come to the General Meeting with ideas and enthusiasm for our club and be willing to participate in the discussion, vote in the best interests of the club as a whole, and abide by the results.

REMEMBER WHAT YOU SAY!

Do you ever remember the saying "Remember what you preach"? How many times did Rosemary say and write to always bring your white check in slip completely filled out with you? Well as you can see in the accompanying picture that Don and Rosemary can't remember to bring their check in slip with them. Oh well, they are allowed one mistake in eighteen years.



THE BUCKET RAFFLE IS COMING...!!

As it was announced at Buena Vista last month, we will hold our semi-annual Bucket Raffle at our May Caravan at Live Oak.

This campout will be fast approaching so now is the time to start coordinating your group in support to get everyone's donation for a desirable gift in your bucket. The suggested amount is \$5. per person.

As you know the Raffles are the only money makers for our club and provide additional funds for our festive & extra activities. Let's make this another outstanding one !! If you have any questions contact Frances Smith or me. Thank You.

Sally Caulfield Rig #2033

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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Anniversaries

Goodwill Ambassador Report



Barlow and Phyllis Thompson — 25 Caravans



Bob and Joanne Wayne — 100 Caravans



Gordon and Dottie Greene — 150 Caravans

BILL SAUNDERS #1438, our former Wagonmaster, is having difficulty seeing after his recent eye surgery. A phone call would cheer him up.



GARY GENESER #2745 and husband of our former Assistant Wagonmaster, LINDA GENESER, is recovering from pneumonia which caused him to spend sometime in ICU earlier in the month of February.

Firesider, BOBBIE NELSON #211, fell recently and bruised her tail bone. She is the spouse of another former Wagonmaster, DON NELSON. It sounds like it has been a bad month for former Wagonmasters. ROSEMARY and DON WEBB better be careful.

Firesider, URSULA GRINDE #2003, was missing from the last caravan due to her radiation treatments. I understand that she has six more treatments to go.

Another cancer victim, Back Scratcher, LINDA ALLEN #2960 is also missing caravans due to her treatments which will be lasting a year. She is having radiation and in addition to three big drugs. She misses her Lazy Daze Family.

An update on Outback, MARTY MITCHELL #2340, he is now at home and receiving physical therapy as he was in the hospital so long.

Drifter MARLIN ZABEL #2861 broke his arm a couple of weeks ago. He has to sleep in a recliner until it heals. You may have noticed he was in a S.O.B. at Buena Vista as the Lazy Daze hasn't added that feature yet to the floor plan.

Now for the bravery award, CHUCK JACOBI #2168, At-Large had double knee replacement surgery. It is reported that it was very successful and he is doing nicely.

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Lovely Weather!

by Mother Nature



Congratulations! You did the Lazy Daze Caravan proud last month. We enjoyed the improved weather conditions you provided with just a few drizzles at night a time or two.

The coots, mourning doves, and western pocket gophers made up most of the wildlife with an occasional black phoebe on an insect search-and-destroy mission. A few lonely western grebes stayed out on Lake Webb awaiting the remainder of the flock. They will pair up and start necking. Grebes “fish” by flying underwater after diving from the surface and reappearing many yards away.



Having never been to Vail, I will rely on my Nature Reporter’s talents to find out who, what and where so I can organize a Nature Walk on Friday, perhaps at a new time. Spring begins on Saturday, Mother Nature’s favorite time of the year.

Lurlie Edgecomb #2285



Terry's Tech Talk

Since day one, the plastic Utopia kitchen faucet in my 2001 **Lazy Daze** Rear Bath has been an irritating companion. The low height of the faucet made it impossible to directly fill my tea kettle or Britta pitcher. I never cared for the single handle design as I would have to pay particular attention not to get half cold and half hot water. In the last year or so, the set screw that holds the handle onto the faucet constantly worked loose and required frequent tightening. Don Sitts, Rig #1666, showed me the new faucet from Lowe's that he installed in his rig. I knew right away that this was a "must have" improvement. Soon after that Caravan, the quest began.

I measured the existing faucet from under the sink and found it to be a standard 8 inch center-to-center faucet. I checked the usual suspects, Lowe's and Home Depot. With my trusty tape measure, I began to collect the specifications in order to make a proper "engineering based" decision. The specifications are tabulated below:

Faucet	Source	Cost	Swing Radius	Clearance above deck	Model No.
Original Utopia*	Lazy Daze	---	9 inches	4 inches	
Peerless	Lowes	\$54	9 inches	8.5 inches	P99568LF-D
American Standard	Home Depot	\$64	8 inches	8 inches	6424F

*Note: My original faucet did not have the "pull out" hose and sprayer.

The two "new" faucets both are made of metal, both have separate controls for the "Cold" and "Hot" water, and neither has a sprayer. I bought the **Peerless** faucet.

I turned off the water pump and opened several faucets to relieve the pressure. The installation started off to be very simple. Without tools, I disconnected both supply lines and loosened and then removed the two threaded plastic retainers from under the sink. The faucet should just lift off of the sink top, but it would not budge. I took apart the faucet and luckily this gave me a stub to apply force to the faucet base. After much wiggling and a few persuasion taps with a rubber mallet, the **Lazy Daze** sealant surrendered and let loose of the faucet. I removed the remaining sealant from the sink top and installed the new faucet without tools. I used the provided gasket and I did **not** use any sealant.



The new faucet swings easily and can fill either of the twin "micro" sink basins. Now I can fill my tea kettle and the Britta pitcher under the faucet and life is good. Now if only that "unneeded" sealant had been used around the inside of my unsealed Rear Bath shower window, and now if only I had a large sized single sink that I could drop in two plastic tubs so I could choose my sink configuration, then life would be better. Now, if only

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

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

Terry Tanner Rig #2779



Herb Johnson's quick response to cooperate and switch to the 6 foot leash.

**Here are some facts about the 1500s.
We've come a long way!**

They used to use urine to tan animal skins, so families used to all pee in a pot and then once a day it was taken & sold to the tannery.....if you had to do this to survive you were "Piss Poor".

But worse than that are the really poor folk who couldn't even afford to buy a pot.....they "didn't have a pot to piss in" and were the lowest of the low.



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

? EMERGENCY ?
Call on CB Channel 30
CODE RED: FIRE/GAS LEAK
CODE BLUE: MEDICAL
PLEASE Do Not Use the CB Until
The ALL CLEAR Is Sounded



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