



October 2010

*Welcome to Butterfield Ranch Resort*  
Hosted by the Firesiders



Welcome to Butterfield and beware of gools, ghosts, black cats and amazing pumpkin transformations BOOOOO  
The At Large “Group”

If you missed the Indian Hills “Train Stop” camping weekend, here is the “Time Table” of events. First of all we had 70 cars (rigs) in camp and beautiful sunny weather with enough wind most of the time to keep those bugs away. Following a “train” theme seemed appropriate since Tehachipi is noted for its train rails that will elevate heavy freight trains some 400 ft. Also referred to at the “train loop”

Morning began with train whistles announcing the arrival of the Lazy Daze Train with all the information to make the day full of fun. There was coffee, Pot of Gold to sell, Bingo, meetings of all kinds and then just the fun of seeing old friends, catching up with each others summer doings and meeting new friends. There was a “first timer” coming through from extensive camping and heading back out to Zion and then home. One morning the Lazy Daze Train was robbed, but foiled by the Lone Ranger and his horse Silver who roamed the camp ground looking for a hand out (at least we thought it was a horse)

Fishing seem extra popular, I do not think the fish minded being caught as they were released to live another day. Walking was the exercise of choice to keep the passengers (Lazy Dazers) fit and hungry for that next meal. We all were on Rattler watch as this is their season. Another camper found a bear track. Thursday night the Webb’s set up the screen for an evening with Sandra Bullock and “The Blind Side” Of course this was accompanied by popcorn and hot chocolate.

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Friday was the Annual Pot Luck dinner. BNSF dining car could not possibly compete with the great main courses, salads and deserts. Thank you all for participating. No sooner were the dishes washed, it was time for another movie called OLD DOGS. This was preceded by a short subject video of the Train Loop up close. Again, did that hot chocolate taste good and the smell of popcorn made you hungry all over again.

Saturday morning's din was "clang", "clink", "thud", "uff", "ohh", "yea" identifying another successful Washer Toss Event, Thanks John. The afternoon meant Meeting Time with Pot of Gold Winners, attendance awards and general business.

All Aboard!! and you know it is Sunday, time to leave the station and drive down into the heat of the valley's as this was the hottest day on record in Southern California. We hope you all had a great time and found a pool to dive into when you got home.

Thanks for all your help and support,  
The AT Lagers



Don & Dorothy Malpas—Hover, AL #2981

# WE SALUTE YOU

## HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS

### FOR SEPTEMBER, 2010

#### A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR HOST TENT VOLUNTEERS

**Enos and Joyce Hirst**

**Vern and Charlene Tutterrow**

**Gordon and Dottie Greene**

**Bob and Margot Kody**

**Herb Johnson**

**Dave and Laura Techentin**

**Betty Boschma**

**Bill Arthur**

**The Roadrunners**

**Bob and LuAnne Lowe**

**Bill and Frances Surbrook**

**Sharon Turner**

**Joe and Jane Fletcher**

**Marlin and Peggy Zabel**

**Janet Baker**

**Al and Lydia Granger**

**Rod and Lynne Mortenson**

**Randy and Lynn Murray**





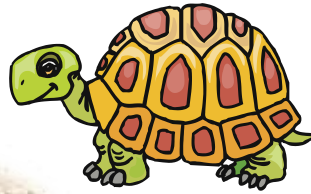
## TEAM TURTLE

Jane Farwell

Team Turtles have been busy this summer. I just arrived at camp and right there were Turtle Pillows and afghans and craft supplies for the next summer camp season. Keep up the good work and be in touch if you want help in starting a project.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU.

Jane, the Afghan Collector



## 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 fourteenth 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 37.

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 hot dog night, soup night, hamburger night, lunch at Stovepipe Wells, had a pot luck 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.

Submitted by Frances Smith, #2206

## Tehachapi Apples



Carole Hurley canned a box of apples so we can enjoy them for a few months. (or less)?



# Highway Hugs

Laureta and Joe Gibbs (AKA Mama and Papa Bear)

In December we will be celebrating the 10th year of the Caravan Club's Highway Hugs program. We began in December 2001 by donating hundreds of bears to the children in New York who had been traumatized by the events of 9/11. Hooray for you all!!!

This year has been very busy. We have covered the majority of the 17 California Highway Patrol offices we support. We have traveled all of the high desert areas from Bridgeport/Mammoth Mountain on north US 395, to Antelope Valley on CA 14, to Victorville and Barstow/ Mountain Pass on I-10. An interesting note here is that when delivering bears in Bishop, we saw a Lazy Daze parked on the street in front of the office. We looked for a number and there it was! John Beckman had parked there while waiting for Pricilla to return from a shopping trip. That was fun and John was able to meet our CHP contact person. Verification indeed that we do deliver to those offices! The total number of bears and friends delivered to date is, uh, LOTS!!!! A grand total will be issued later at year's end.

To say the least it is gratifying to have each office greet us with open arms and big smiles, always ready with a story or two and thanking us over and over and over again for these gifts of caring, support and love. Congratulations to you who so generously enable us to continue this project.

At this time we are sending out a plea to please, PLEASE consider giving more than one bear when you donate at Christmas, our biggest event of the year. It is our dream that the Christmas Tree at Live Oak will be overflowing with stuffed animals. We have distributed all but six bags of bears! That number will not begin to cover the need for bears as we visit the southern offices in December. Sadly, the number of bears needed is greater than ever, it seems. For the December "run" we will be needing about 300 bears to cover the south and east desert CHP offices. These offices cover over 2000 square miles each. It takes emergency services a very long time to reach an accident site. Sometimes it is over an hour for an ambulance to arrive. That can be extremely traumatic for a child, to say the least. Besides comforting children, it helps officers and other emergency personnel when the child involved is calmer and, hopefully, more relaxed.

Once again we are submitting to you the criteria for stuffed animals we can use for this project. We need:

**BRAND NEW ... NEW ... NEW ONLY**  
**VERY SOFT/SQUISHY**

**BASIC ANIMAL ONLY, FEW or NO CLOTHES**  
**VERY CUDDLEY/SNUGGLEY**

8-12 " TALL and please, consider BEARS, BEARS, BEARS (the officers REALLY like giving bears)

But ... really cute (all of the above) kitties, puppies, and such are also welcome. Please, NO "recycled" critters.



**Places to "discover" cute, cuddly bears and friends for about \$5-\$7 include:**

Albertson's (near the cards/flowers)

WalMart (some stores better than others)

Micheals (only the SOFT ones)

Walgreens (again, some stores are better than others ...seasonal some places)

Tuesday Morning

Dollar Tree (be careful here as sometimes they are not suitable due to wires, rough "fur", etc.)

Toys R Us also has some smaller stuffed animals, varies by store)

In advance, we thank you for your generosity and thoughtfulness. So many children will benefit as they have in the past.







# ICE CREAM SOCIAL





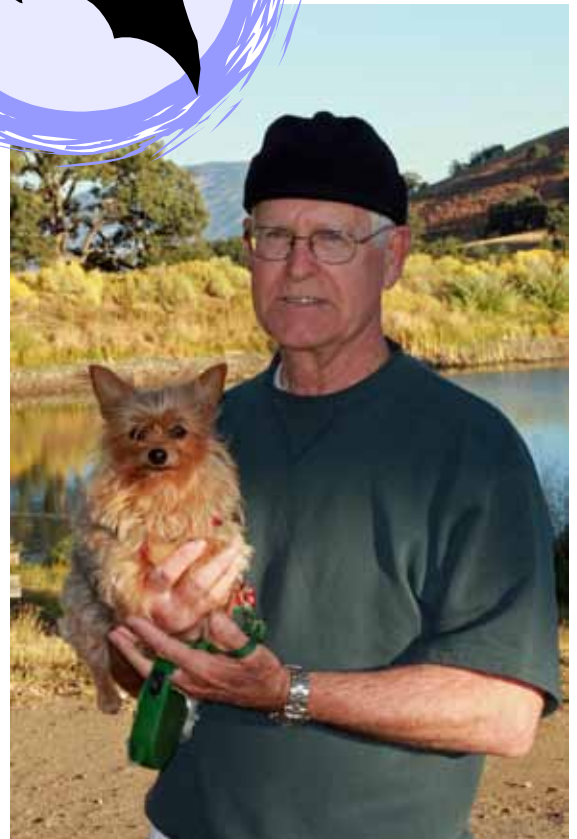


# POTLUCK





# Around the Camp





# WASHER TOSS



**1st Place: Peggy Zabel &  
Allen Mercer**

**2nd Place: Sharon Turner &  
David Hurley**





# Terry's Tech Talk

Tech Talk Article 53

LED Replacement for a Fluorescent Light Fixture

10/2010

In my quest to reduce my electrical amp usage while dry camping, I replaced four of my five fluorescent fixtures with 42 LED Maxxima M84409 cargo lights. The light is pure white and I find it comfortable for my late night computer work. The LED Cargo Light draws 0.86 Amps and puts out 570 lumens while the old fluorescent light draws 1.9 Amps. The LED Cargo Lights also have the advantages of not having bulbs to replace and not having an inverter/ballast to burn out.

The Cargo Light is shorter than the Lazy Daze cabinet cutout so I used a wood base to cover the gap and provide room for a switch. I used a 1" x 8" select pine board cut to the same size as the old fluorescent fixture. I drilled the new board to match the attaching six screw hole pattern of the old fixture and counter sunk the holes to conceal the screws and avoid overlap with the Cargo Light frame. I also drilled the eight pilot holes for attaching the Cargo Light to the new board. I drilled a hole for the small black round rocker switch about in the same location as the old fixture. I used a jig saw to make the cut out sized to the new Cargo Light. I sanded the board and stained it with oil based Varathane "Golden Mahogany" to try to match the existing cabinet finish. After the stain dried, I applied several coats of MinWax paste wax and then hand buffed it. Four "wood bases" can be cut out of an 8 foot long 1"x8" board. The white Cargo Light matches the existing fixture and the ceiling.



Material list (before sales tax):

Maxxima M84409	(1)	\$84.65
Switch, Round rocker, 12 Volt	(1)	\$3.
1"x8" select pine	(2 lf)	\$5.
#8 x 1-1/4" zinc pan head screws	(6)	\$1
#8 Zinc flat washers	(6)	\$1
#10 x 3/4" Stainless steel pan head screws	(8)	\$2.
#10 Stainless steel flat washers	(8)	\$1.

Wood Stain

Sand paper

Materials are about \$100 plus tax

As I wrote this article, I went to [www.maxxima.com](http://www.maxxima.com) and found a new interior lighting product - M84410 - that is a similar fixture with a built in High/Low intensity switch. It may not need the wood base as it is listed as a direct replacement for the fluorescent fixture. The retail cost of the "Sleeper/Cab Interior Light" is \$115.38 and it is currently available. The color of the "Sleeper" appears to be black or dark gray.

Technoz, the "Tech Talk" website. Check it out at: <http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/Technoz/>  
Terry Tanner Rig #2779





# SAFETY COMMITTEE MESSAGE

We all know that your Safety Committee responds when a CODE BLUE (Medical) or a CODE RED (fire/smoke) alert is announced. Have you ever wondered what the Committee members are trained to do at such times? Perhaps I should explain.

## CODE BLUE

All the medically trained members in camp will proceed immediately to the alert area with First Aid kits. After determining the nature and severity of the condition, emergency First Aid procedures will be applied. If the patient's condition indicates that other measures are needed, Paramedics will be called. Members not directly involved with the patient will assist as required and provide a calming influence for an anxious spouse.

The Fire Team members will go promptly to the area to provide crowd control and traffic directions for the emergency vehicles that may be needed.

## CODE RED

Fire Team members will rush to the area, with fire extinguishers, and apply fire suppression techniques as required. As soon as fire or smoke is confirmed, the fire department will be summoned. Other members will assist, as needed, provide crowd control, and be available to direct emergency vehicles to the area. (Note: California fire laws require that a fire department must be called for all fire and possible fire [smoke] conditions.) They file an official report which is also required for insurance claims.

First Aid members will bring First Aid kits to provide emergency care for any injuries that may be encountered. This covers the Safety Teams activities. However, everyone in camp has a vital role in these experiences. The person who reports an emergency should provide clear instructions on the location. Headlights may be turned on. Intermittent honking of the horn could help. For all of us, advance precautions are a "must". As soon as we park, mark our location on the grid map provided with the "Caravaner". If we know where we are, it will be easier to tell someone else. It is most important that we keep our medical forms current and in our freezer. Changes in medication and doctor's names should be up to date. The Paramedics rely on this information. We do not want them relying on old expired information. It could hurt.

Do not use C. B. Channel 30 until the ALL CLEAR is announced.

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## Anniversaries



Randy & Lynn Murray  
Rig # 2859—25th Caravan



Bob & Frances Smith  
Rig # 2206—100th Caravan





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)

## 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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## Where Are We??

Submitted by Bob & Frances Smith



September "Where Are We" submitted by Terry & Lucy Joe was at Sage Flat Campground above Big Pine, CA.

Mike & Connie Williams Rig #2971 sent an email guess and I know of no others! **YOU WIN!**



## ? 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**

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

